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City Commission adds new members; some incumbents remain hostile to tribes

For many in Shawnee, Okla., the June 24, 2014 municipal elections were seen as a referendum on the city commission's actions over the past year, including threats of litigation toward neighboring Tribes. CPN member Michael Dykstra participated in the only competitive race, defeating Steve Smith, the sitting commissioner. Lesa Shaw and Gary Vogel were also two new faces on the commission following the June 24 election.

The new commissioners were not seated until Sept. 2 however, allowing incumbents an opportunity to wrap up the 2013-14 commission session. Commissioner Keith Hall, Vice-Mayor James Harrod and Mayor Wes Mainord, knowing their majority had only weeks left in office following the failed re-elections of commissioners Steve Smith and John Winteringer, ignored sentiment of the June 24 election and continued their anti-tribe agenda.

At the body's July 7 meeting, Commissioner Hall made two motions intended to undermine citizens' rights to petition their elected governing body. With support from Mayor Mainord, Vice-Mayor Harrod and lame duck commissioners Winteringer and Smith, two motions were passed regarding the procedures for detachment from the City of Shawnee. The items were subsequently placed on the Nov. 4 ballot. The first motion changes the current city charter to make any detachment request go before a vote of the people of Shawnee rather than the elected city commission. The second requires payment for 25 years' worth of infrastructure improvements on any parcel of land successfully detached from Shawnee.



New commissioners Gary Vogel (left), Lesa Shaw and Michael Dykstra are sworn in at Shawnee City Hall.

The city charter currently allows land-owning citizens to petition the seven-person city commission if they wish to detach their property from Shawnee. The logic of this procedure was best exemplified by private citizen Kevin Kalies, who spoke out against the measures during the July 7 meeting.

"As a property owner, if I had an occasion to want my property annexed, the forum now exists that I can plead my case," said Kalies. "If this passes, as I understand it, I have no forum. I don't know how I would try to plead my case before all the voters before the City of Shawnee."

Hall and other anti-tribe commission members have allotted tens of thousands of city dollars over the past year in pursuit of litigation against tribal

businesses like FireLake Discount foods, which sits on federal trust land. The city believes tribal sovereignty does not apply to non-CPN shoppers at the store, and is demanding that the Tribe collect sales taxes on those individuals. This skewed interpretation of federal law as a means of attacking CPN, the largest employer in Pottawatomie County, has resulted in increasing mistrust of the Shawnee City Commission's leadership abilities.

For CPN alone, the examples of this incompetence by the city continue to mount. In the months since the City of Shawnee first threatened to sue the Tribe, the Tribal government has uncovered evidence indicating the December 12, 1961 annexation of Absentee Shawnee and Citizen Potawatomi Nation lands was done illegally. At a March 24, 2014 meeting

between city representatives and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Absentee-Shawnee Tribe, Sac and Fox Nation and the Kickapoo Tribe, Mayor Mainord questioned the loyalty of tribes to the United States, asking tribal representatives if they recited the pledge of allegiance.

Just days after that unsuccessful meeting, the City of Shawnee's public utility crews unwittingly flushed an unmapped water line that ran beneath the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. The negligence caused extensive flooding damage to the building, with reconstruction efforts still ongoing as complications continue to arise. It is should come as little surprise that town citizens, including tribes, have become disillusioned with leadership from the likes of Commissioner Hall and Mayor Mainord.



Yet it is their right as land owners to secure the appropriate amount of signatures and paperwork, as required under Oklahoma state law, and petition for detachment from the city if they so wish. This is the principle that the anti-tribe coalition intended to undermine with the assistance of lame duck commissioners Smith and Winteringer at the July 7 city commission meeting.

At the Sept. 2 City Commission meeting, newly sworn-in commissioners Michael Dykstra, Lesa Shaw and Gary Vogel were seated alongside incumbents Hall, Mainord, Harrod and Linda Agee. As one of the dissenting voices against the anti-tribe bloc over the past year, Agee added Commissioner Hall's city charter changes to the night's agenda to give the newly elected commissioners an opportunity to vote on issues they would deal with first-hand.

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Recovery progress slow at CPN Cultural Heritage Center

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center has been closed since March 31, 2014 due to an uncapped waterline originating at a City of Shawnee water main. Thousands of gallons of water flooded the building, damaging exhibits and causing structural damage. Progress on repairs to the Cultural Heritage Center has been slow and there is not an anticipated reopening date.

"The progress for repairs has been a lot slower than we first imagined," said Kelli Mosteller, director for CPN Cultural Heritage Center. "In a lot of ways we're no closer to being open today than we were right after the flood happened."

Construction crews removed the concrete slab from the Long Room at the Cultural Heritage Center in April so that the damage below the slab could be assessed and the waterline could be inspected and capped. Once the slab was removed crews dried, regraded and compacted the soil and poured a new concrete slab.

"Repairing the concrete slab in the Long Room has been a significant challenge," added Mosteller. "In normal construction the slab would be exposed to the sun and wind, which would allow it to dry easier. Since the slab is inside the building we've had problems with moisture in the concrete. We've had as many as fourteen industrial de-humidifiers in the room pumping hundreds of gallons of water out of the atmosphere that is being released from the concrete. Everything is sort of on hold until we can get that moisture problem taken care of."

Flooring in the museum side of the Cultural Heritage Center was placed in July, but ongoing water and moisture issues have halted any constructions of exhibits.

"We really thought once we had the wood flooring down in the museum area that we'd be able to start working on exhibits, but that hasn't been the case," Mosteller said. "With museum exhibits and artifacts the humidity level is incredibly important. At this point the museum floor is not suited for

those delicate objects and we're not sure when it will be."

The Cultural Heritage Center is visited by dozens of patrons from Oklahoma and out of state each day, each of whom have been turned away due to the ongoing repairs. Additionally, more than 5,000 Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members who attended the annual Family Reunion Festival in June were not able to visit the museum to learn more about their culture and the tribe's history.

"We've tried to communicate to people that we're closed, but the message hasn't gotten to everyone," Mosteller added. "During festival we had a small presentation about the flood so tribal members could see why the museum was closed. It's hard to have to turn away people who have traveled so far."

FireLake Gifts and CPN Tribal Rolls are both located in the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. Those operations are open during this time. There is no timeline for repairs or re-opening of the



Workers inspect the new concrete floor in the long room.

museum at this time.

"For nearly six months to have passed, the realization that we're no closer to being open than we were in March is very discouraging for us and for our tribal members,"

added Mosteller. "This is the place that they should be able to come to see their culture so there is a very real emotional attachment to what this represents."

Wadase Update: October 2014

By Jennifer Randell, Director, CPN Eagle Aviary

As we transition into fall here in Oklahoma, everything is greener than usual as a result of our milder temperatures and the added rainfall late in the summer. We are thankful for the rain. However, that also means an extended mosquito season. This month we will be vaccinating the birds against the West Nile Virus as we conducting our yearly veterinary checkups for the permanent resident eagles here at the aviary.

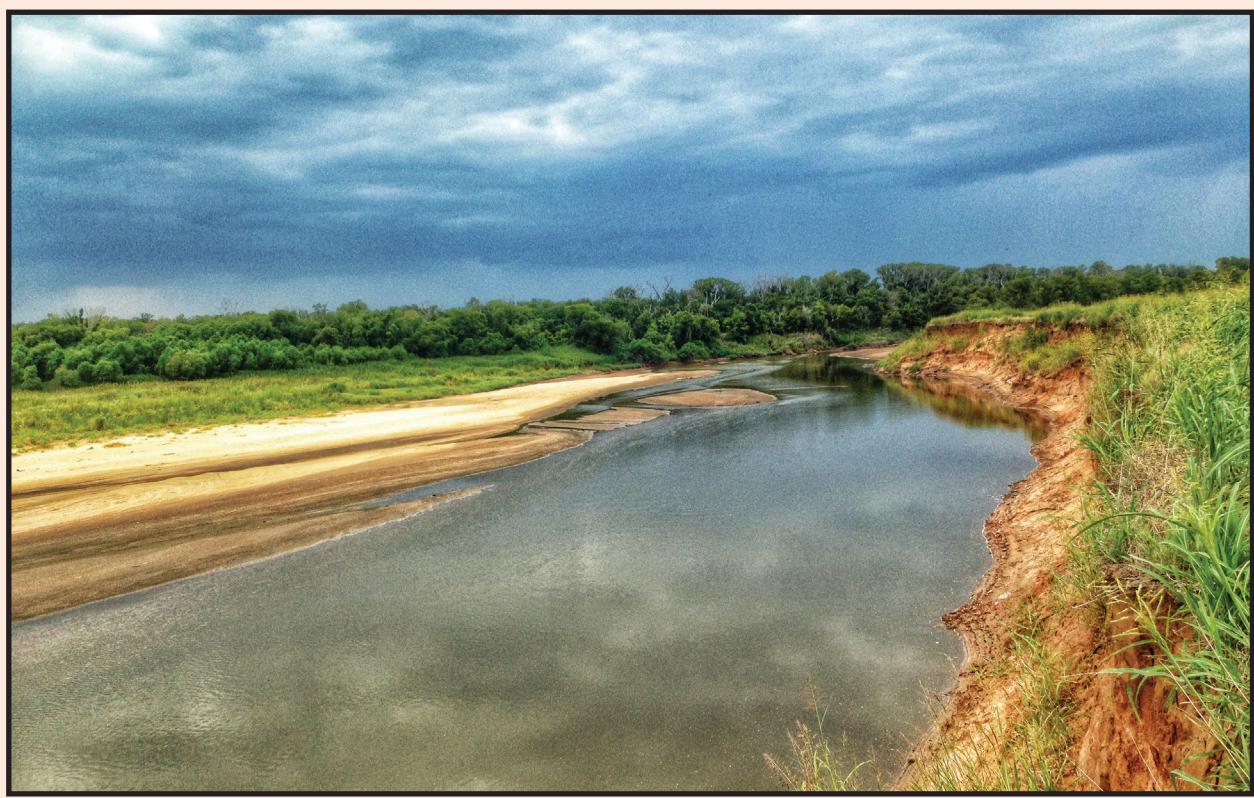
The changing seasons have already prompted migration. Black Chinned Humming Birds have stopped here to feed as they begin their long trek to South America and we have seen kettles of Mississippi Kites drifting south as the wind shifted from the north.



We continue to scan the skies for Wadase Zhabwe hoping she will make her way home to visit. We have made several trips north to the Salt Fork of the Arkansas River where she has been since the June 23. She continues to settle in remote, peaceful places along the river that have limited access, which makes finding her a challenge. We have seen eagle tracks in the sandy banks, remnants of eaten fish and turtles, and even found several juvenile eagle feathers. But we have yet to spot her along her favorite seven miles of the river.

Score from Salt Fork trips: Wadase 5 - Us 0.

Studying Wadase's recent telemetry we learned she spent the weekend roosted along the river near the White Eagle Powwow Grounds during this year's annual Ponca Nation powwow. Her favorite portion of the Salt Fork runs right through the historic Miller's 101 Ranch and she has spent a great deal of time by Cowboy Hill near what remains of the old homestead. She adhered to the same basic movements working her way around the bends mainly from where HWY 177 crosses the Salt Fork to the west near Cowboy Hill Rd until September 14. Midday she headed north towards Blackwell, Okla. following the Chikaskia River, a tributary of the Salt Fork. The last telemetry point



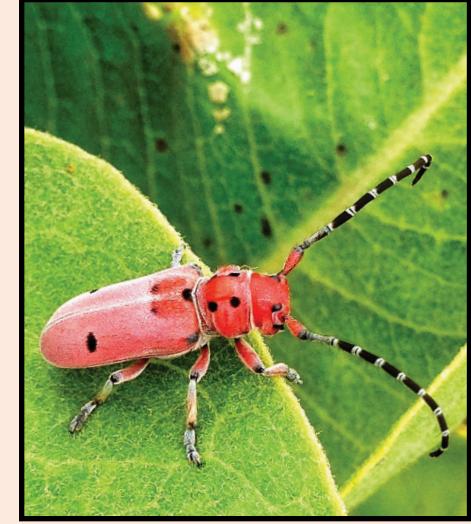
Bend in the Salt Fork River that Wadase frequents.

we were able to download indicated she was flying 580 meters high heading northwest at 22 knots. It will be three days until we can download new telemetry. That short time continues to feel like forever as we wait to see where she may be headed. Since her release she has visited 17 of Oklahoma's 77 counties. She has remained in the state the entire time, however that point near Blackwell is just 17 miles from the Oklahoma-Kansas border. To follow her movements with us you can visit www.arcgis.com/home

and search for "Potawatomi eagle."

For more information or to read previous updates please visit <http://www.potawatomi.org> and search the site for Wadase or visit <http://www.potawatomi.org/about-wadase>

Right: Unable to see Wadase, we observed other wildlife near the river, like this Milk Weed beetle.



Traveling to Gathering a way of life for Cathryn Wamego



Cathryn Wamego.

In the mid-1830s, bands of Potawatomi endured a forced removal that displaced the tribes from the upper Midwest of the United States to Kansas and Oklahoma. In commemoration of that horrendous journey, tribal elders from all bands of the Potawatomi agreed to hold an

annual event to bring all bands together to embrace each other and the peoples' shared culture. The event, now in its twentieth year and known as the Gathering of Nations, draws members from all Potawatomi bands to a different host tribe each August. No matter where the event is located though, a seat on the bus trip from Oklahoma to Gathering of Nations will always be saved for CPN member Cathryn Wamego.

This year's Gathering, hosted by the Gun Lake Tribe in Hopkins, Mich., was a distance of 929 miles from Shawnee, Okla. Wamego, along with other regulars who travel to Gathering, joined the bus in her hometown of Tulsa, Okla. It was her sixteenth straight Gathering, a record stretching back to her first trip to Fulton, Mich., home of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi.

Her father, William Wamego Sr., attended Gathering several years before Cathryn's first experience in 1999.

"My father had always wanted me and my 12 siblings to go to a Gathering to connect with our culture," explained Wamego. "From that first year I went, I was hooked, and planned on going for the rest of my life."

Wamego continued "My grandfather always told me that our people came from the place of the big trees. Once I went to my first Gathering in Michigan, I understood why he always said that."

After her positive experience at her first Gathering, Wamego started scheduling her vacation time around the annual event, travelling on the CPN-sponsored bus from Oklahoma.

Wamego continued, "I've met some of my greatest friends on the bus, like Laura Weinstein, and look forward to seeing her and everyone else who is a regular attendee every year. I also got to

see Justin Neely go from being a regular Potawatomi to becoming the Language Director for CPN. The bus is just another way to interact with the people of my Tribe and there's always ample time to work on regalia or other projects on the trip."

Going to Gathering for more than a decade, Wamego has seen the development of the event each year and was impressed with the Gun Lake Tribe's hospitality and facilities.

"Every year there is something new to experience," explained Wamego. "At this past Gathering I got to learn about corn grinding, cultivating and cooking wild rice, and had the once-in-a-lifetime experience at a sunrise ceremony watching a traditional ceremony of a group playing a water drum."

The drum, called "Little Boy," is a traditional Midewiwin water drum made from an animal's hide stretched over seven stones. Witnessing this was quite emotional for Wamego given that the last time a drum like this was

played was 100 years ago at a powwow at the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish tribal grounds.

Moments like this are what draws Wamego and others back every year. She encourages the younger generations to learn about their culture and get involved.

"Migwetch to the Chairman, the Zienteks and everyone else involved with giving us the opportunity to do this trip every year," said Wamego. "It's great to have a tribe that understands the value of these traditions and I'm so grateful to be able to be a part of it. I encourage anyone thinking about going, to do it, because you won't regret it."

Next year's Gathering will be hosted by the Forest County Potawatomi tribe in Crandon, Wis. More information about the next Gathering of Potawatomi Nations will be made available in the Events section of www.potawatomi.org as it becomes available.

CPN member and undergrad goes to Gathering of Nations for culture and class

The 2014 Gathering of Potawatomi Nations took place in the woods of western Michigan, home to the Gun Lake Potawatomi Tribe. Located near the Canadian and United States border, its cool summers were the exact opposite of what CPN member and University of Texas A&M-Kingsville student Caleb Lee is used to. Lee, a Bourassa family member, is a resident of southern Texas where he has lived his whole life. He made the cross country trip to this year's Gathering to embrace his culture and continue to work on his undergraduate thesis which

examines the relation between Native American talking circles and the judicial system.

The resident of the small town of Bishop, Texas is pursuing a degree in criminology, ultimately in pursuit of his ultimate goal of becoming a game warden.

"My mentor and one of my professors, Dr. Stan Hodges, is a Native American himself and suggested I look into how talking circles in the Native American community solve disputes similar to how our modern day judicial system does," said Lee. "Once I looked into it I knew that I wanted

to do my thesis over this topic since it would also help me connect with my heritage."

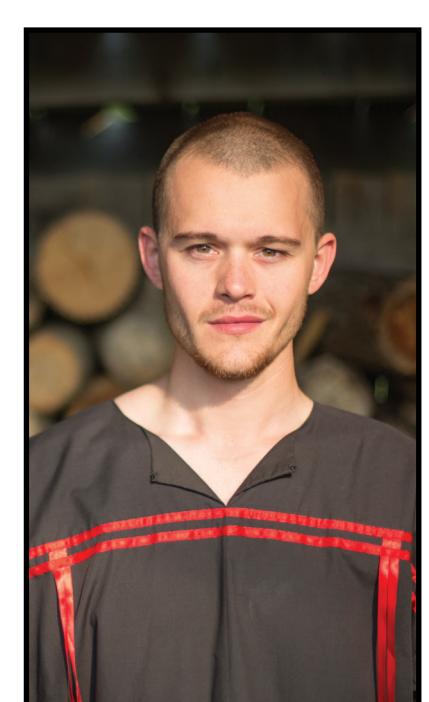
Lee developed a questionnaire for respondents that will provide information to feed into his research for his final thesis.

"I've got a lot of good information and so many people are willing to help," said Lee. "However, I have found that quite a bit of people I've given the survey to have never even heard of a talking circle or know little about them. I hope interacting with everyone on this topic can open their eyes a little on this method of social

communication that is still being practiced today."

"Being at the Gathering I've learned a lot and have enjoyed interacting with the other tribes and getting their opinions on talking circles besides CPN members," said Lee. "The experience has been wonderful and I'm really grateful to have this opportunity of doing something beneficial for my Tribe."

If you would like to know more about talking circles or would like to fill out one of Mr. Lee's surveys, feel free to email him at caleb.lee77@yahoo.com.



Caleb Lee.

Potawatomi art, how it came to be

According to a 1973 art history book by the Flint Institute of Arts, archaeologists have excavated burial grounds in the Great Lakes area containing pottery, jewelry and ornaments indicating skilled artists and techniques prior to the arrival of the Europeans. The burial grounds date as far back as the 200 BCE to 500 CE Hopewell Indian era indicating that, regardless of the century, man's way of making life better was to recreate the beauty of the world around him.

When it comes to traditional Potawatomi art, this theory may be justified. From spring to fall in traditional Potawatomi homelands like the pastures of Western Michigan, the hills and the countryside are ripe with budding wild flowers. In the craftsmanship learned in creating everyday materials and objects, art emerged. From the way the wigwams were constructed, to food preparation, to the use of dyes from berries, roots and plants, ordinary and practical objects became things of beauty.

According to Cultural Heritage Center director Dr. Kelli Mosteller, "though flowers may not seem like a manly thing, traditionally it is a dominant symbol of our Tribe and is very common for not just women but also men to have regalia with flowers and buds all over every piece they wear."

Art was a way of life for the Woodland Indians and each piece had a specific use. Some of the earliest pieces of Potawatomi art were rush mats, woven bags and quill work. All of these served a

purpose in the everyday life of the Anishnaabe people, who also knew that the more elaborate the piece, the better chance of trading it for much needed goods.

Moose hair embroidery was an important source of income for Potawatomi looking to trade with French settlers, who marketed the highly desired objects with Europeans. The heightened possibilities of this trade with settlers stoked competition among different clans and tribes which inherently heightened the creative and artistic expression of the Woodland Indians.

Along with trade and income, artistic expression was driven by ceremonial and religious purposes. Flutes carved with elaborate geometric designs of effigies had spiritual influence and were also seen as a means of the artist expressing themselves creatively.

Art in the Native American community tells a story, no matter what the symbolism. For the Potawatomi, animals and plants from the forest were, and are still, used to portray the world around them.

"In those days, you had to use the resources around you because that was the only thing you knew," said Dr. Mosteller. "For the Potawatomi, we originated in the deep forest of what is now Michigan, so all of our symbols do not exactly relate to what is in Oklahoma."

Potawatomi did not begin using Western attire until much later than other tribes, and the tribes' fashions are still held in high

regard because of their uniqueness. To this day, regalia can be seen with symbols of deer, panthers, turtles and eagles. Flowers, buds, pine cones, feathers, elk horn and rabbits' feet are also well-worn symbols, while Ottertail designs are typical on bandoliers and sashes, along with turbans made from the aquatic mammal.

More symbolism for the Potawatomi comes from descendants of the Clan System in Native American culture. The Potawatomi clans range from beaver to bear, and crane to deer. Although the traditional family clan duties are dated, the symbolism is still present on regalia, art and in ceremonies.

"Even though my art doesn't have a traditional look, I'm still painting and inspired by what's around me," said Clark.

"Potawatomi and Native American art as a whole started from what was immediate to them. You don't have to paint or capture traditional Native American art to be a Native American artist. Still to this day Potawatomi art is evolving, just like it did when our people were removed from Michigan to



"Nishnabe Nos" by Penny Coates.

Oklahoma."

Today, modern Citizen Potawatomi Nation art can differ, with artists like CPN's Penny Coates and Margaret Zientek using symbolism and styles of the past with a modern touch. Other Potawatomi artists, such as CPN's Chuck Clark, stick to a more abstract approach.

"Singing, dancing and drumming

are other ways for Native Americans to express themselves," said Dr. Mosteller. "This is not a hobby for us, it's our heritage. As a Native American your identity is made by the way you express yourself and shown by the personalization of what you create around you."

As the saying goes, "art is everywhere," and for the Potawatomi this couldn't be more true.

KGFF's Michael Dodson interview with CPN photographer Sharon Hoogstraten



Sharon Hoogstraten.

How did you get to where you are with your photography?

"My father was a home-builder and he built a home for the man that ran the photo program at Western Michigan University. Dr. David Curl tutored me and was an amazing person. He wrote many photo books and took me under his wing and still to this day looks out for me. After learning a lot from him in high school, I went to the Rochester Institute of Technology. It has pretty good reputation for photography and was really beneficial to me. Eventually I went to the Institute of Design in Chicago to get a master's degree in photography but after I got there, I met a graphic designer who worked with books, and so books became

my thing. I ended up transferring to the University of Illinois and getting master's degree in Communication Design which opened up a whole world for me."

What do you like about telling a story with a camera?

"I have this compulsion to understand things and put them in order. There's something about photography for me. In fact it's strange that when I travel now, I just need that box (camera) to understand what I'm seeing. If I have an innate skill, it's that I can look at what everybody else looks at and simplify to the point that I see something that no one else saw before."

Is "Dancing for my Tribe" going to be a commercially available book at some point?

"Well I think one way or another it will be, but I'm not done. I've been coming down to CPN for five years now and the more I learn the more interested I become. It's interesting to see how the Potawatomi people were forced west and then from Kansas down to Oklahoma and how that migration through different weather, temperament and general lifestyles changed regalia. I would like to work with the other eight Potawatomi tribes and study how their regalia changed compared to the more southern Potawatomi. The main thing I

want people to understand about regalia is that it's not a reenactment and it's not a museum piece. It's about your life, the meaningful people in your life, it's always changing and it's always current even though it's based on tradition. We're not doing western reenactment. It's meaningful right here in this time."

How do you capture someone's essence in a photograph?

"I keep at them until they forget about me and then they start to relax. I like to use music as well. They kind of get the idea that this isn't about getting the best graduation picture to hang over your mantle. This is bigger; it's about preserving history and giving something to the next generation. It's amazing how individuals are willing to give of themselves, they're not particularly worried about their hair or makeup not being perfect because they understand that it's about something bigger. I try and make it as fun as possible and am grateful for all the photographs I've been able to capture."

How do you make a living from doing this?

"Chicago has been a huge publishing center. I've worked for most of the publishing companies there and was lucky enough to have a career that was stable. Back in 2003, my main client decided to go to the digital format side of photography and I was lucky because I already had work that would pay for a camera that is more expensive than my car."

What is your advice to the younger generation who want to be photographers?

"Everybody knows the field of photography was really shaken up when digital came in. It was hard to keep businesses going. The job I was doing had little overhead and I was able to weather the storm. What I see now is the lower end of photography is being filled in with people that have skills that are just good enough and the high

end is still going. The middle is a rough area. You're going to have to decide to either have multiple skills such as adding design, video and journalism to your photography or pursue the Fine Art area to survive in an oversaturated market."

For more information about Hoogstraten and her photography please visit hoogstratenphotography.com.



Bob Moody by Hoogstraten at the 2014 Potawatomi Gathering of Nations.

Legislator Boursaw represents ancestors at 2014 Trail of Courage event



Jon Boursaw.

Jon Boursaw, District 4 CPN Legislator from Topeka, Kan., was among the honored Bourassa family members at the 2014 Trail of Courage Living History Festival event on Sept. 20 in Rochester, Ind.

"Obviously, it is an honor to me and my immediate family that I have been asked to represent the entire Bourassa family at this Festival," said Boursaw. "Although we are one of the largest CPN families, we are only one of over 40 Tribal families that have endured and suffered through many generations. But together these families have persevered to create a Nation for which we proudly say 'Bodewadmi ndaw - I am Potawatomi'."

Boursaw is a direct descendent of Daniel Bourassa, who along with his wife and seven children, was among those Potawatomi forcibly removed from

Indiana to Kansas in the 1838 Trail of Death. A member of the 2008 and 2013 Trail of Death caravans, in which Potawatomi and others interested in the march's history traveled the old route across the American Midwest, Boursaw played a pivotal role in securing an apology from current Kansas Governor Sam Brownback for that state's role in the treatment of the Potawatomi.

Indiana Governor Mike Pence's proclamation declaring Sept. 20, 2014, as Potawatomi Trail of Death Remembrance Day was presented to Boursaw by Indiana State Representative Tim Hartman. Shirley Willard of the Fulton County (Ind.) Historical Society has worked to secure a

full apology from the governor.

"I have long felt deeply that the State of Indiana should apologize for the Trail of Death," said Willard in a press release. "That terrible forced removal that cost the lives of 42 Potawatomi, mostly children and elderly, was ordered by Indiana Governor David Wallace in 1838. Therefore I felt it fitting that Indiana Governor Pence issue an apology for the Trail of Death for the Indiana Bicentennial of 2016. Although he does not use the word apology, I feel this is a step toward recognizing this sad part of our history and its aftermath."

WWII Veteran honored at the 2014 Potawatomi Gathering of Nations

When it comes to powwows there are always plenty of gifts, donations and awards to be given out during such event. Gift giving and honoring is a great way to give powwow dancers a rest from the heat. At the 2014 Potawatomi Gathering of Nations there were many different talents shown and gifts handed out while dancers sought out shade and water from the midday sun at the Gun Lake Tribe's festival grounds. On one of the breaks during the three day powwow, CPN Veteran Curtis Wright was given a special honoring by the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band.

"I had no idea what was going to happen," said Wright. "They really caught me by surprise as I was not expecting to do something like that at all."

Clyde "Rowdy" Yates and Legislator Jon Boursaw, both CPN Veterans, spoke to Wright the same day of him being honored. Yates knew about

Wright's past in the 94th Combat Infantry Division of General Patton's 3rd Army and Boursaw knew nothing of it.

"The first day of the three different powwows all veterans from every tribe were honored and Curtis wrote down the he was a WWII veteran and saw combat during the Battle of the Bulge," explained Boursaw. "I've known Curtis for quite some time and knew he was a veteran but I had no idea he was a WWII combat veteran."

Boursaw continued, "Rowdy and I wanted the host tribe to know that there was a veteran from WWII here, so we explained to them that Curtis was a WWII veteran and had fought in the Battle of the Bulge under General Patton's division."

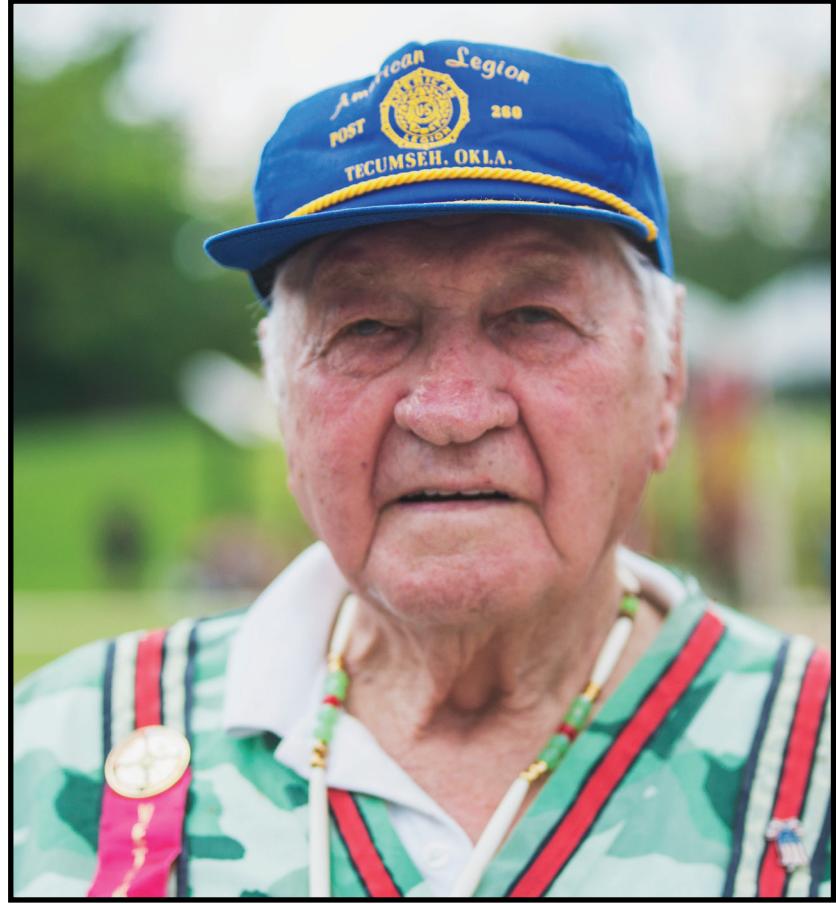
Unbeknownst to everyone, a call came across the speakers from the powwow emcee for all CPN members to come down to the dancing arena to honor Wright.

"The opportunity to see a WWII

veteran honored like that was truly a special event for me," said Yates. "I've known Curtis for a long time now and was happy to be a part of his special honoring."

From all angles of the powwow grounds, CPN members came down to share the special moment with Wright and his wife Cristina Fritchman-Wright. He was given a blanket and a United States Army beaded medallion as an honor for his time serving the country. The blanket signifies the Potawatomi community wrapping themselves around him as a family and is a powerful symbol in Native American culture. The group then circled the powwow arena and Curtis, along with his wife, sat down and were greeted by those wanting to pay their respects.

"It was a great honor to be out there," said Wright. "I try and not think about my time in the war so I went out there for all the guys who never made it back. My honoring goes to them."



Curtis Wright at the 2014 Potawatomi Gathering of Nations.



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The CPN Veterans Organization lost another active and beloved member on 6 August 2014 when Max Baer Wano walked on. He was a career U.S. Navy veteran

and one of our most supportive members as a member of the Color Guard and Honor Guard. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends, and there were many.

On a brighter note work is moving forward to have a veteran vehicle tag available for CPN tribal veterans. We are finalizing the details of the design and they should be ready in the next few months at a specially reduced price. Your membership tribal card and copy of your DD214 will be needed to verify your eligibility.

The CPN Veterans were well represented and honored at this year's Gathering in Allegan County, Mich. Their arena and grounds were beautiful and the weather was perfect for this special event. The veterans were

kept busy with all of the activities they had planned for us. It made us feel proud with all of the recognition we received.

Don't forget we have our Vietnam War Era Veterans Memorial Banquet coming up in 2015. It is to honor the Citizen Potawatomi Nation men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Vietnam War (5 August 1964 to 7 May 1975). Members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation who were in the military during that time and would like to attend this Memorial Banquet please contact:

Cultural Resources
Cultural Heritage Center
1601 South Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801-9002

Remember the CPN Veterans Organization meets every month on the fourth Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon as you can get there) in the North Reunion Hall on the Potawatomi Powwow Grounds. All CPN veterans and their families are welcome.

Migwetch!
Daryl Talbot, Commander

ATTENTION CPN VIETNAM VETERANS

The CPN Veterans Organization is seeking members of the armed forces who served from August 5, 1964 – May 7, 1975 in preparation of organizing a Vietnam Era Veterans' Banquet.

In future editions of the *Hownikan*, a list of all members will be published. If you fit the criteria but do not see your name, please contact CPN Legislator David Barrett (dbarrett@potawatomi.org).

Please send inquiries to Commander Daryl Talbot (talbotok@sbcglobal.net) or CPN Legislator David Barrett.

FEMALE VETERANS & FEMALE SPOUSES OF VETERANS

The women's auxiliary is looking for new members!

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Annual activities include:
December parties for the kids,
a cancer society fundraiser and a Veterans
Day celebration dinner in November.

Dental office adds more operatories and state-of-the-art equipment

Continuing to lead the way in Native American healthcare in the Pottawatomie County area, Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Health Services have recently expanded its dental clinic's offerings. In its most recent renovation, it has added state-of-the-art dental equipment in its offices in the CPN East Health Clinic.

"We've upgraded from five operatories to 12," said Dental Coordinator, Chase Youngblood DDS. "We've also added more staff, updated all equipment, expanded our sterilization area and have begun using electronic dental records and digital x-rays."

"Due to our funding agreement with the Indian Health Service, our clinic serves all Native Americans in a five county area," explained Dr. Youngblood about the upgrade. "We were unable to serve that many patients with our previous facilities before this most recent renovation."

Patients will now be able to sit back and relax during treatment in the new dental chairs and watch television on the new monitors. They are also able to see an up close view of what their teeth look

like on the same monitor using the new digital x-rays and intraoral cameras. While new equipment is always a plus, Youngblood is equally happy that many of the new additions were secured at a discounted rate, savings that will be used to serve the clinic's patients.

Now nearing a full capacity of staff, the dental clinic boasts three full time and two part time dentists. Supporting them in their work are two dental hygienists, five assistants and three front office staff.

"I'm proud of my staff and excited to utilize all the new equipment for our patients," said Youngblood. "I have worked at numerous other Indian health facilities, and I am pleased to say that the level of dental care and exceptional customer service that we are able to provide here is second to none."

For those interested, the CPN Dental Clinic offers preventative care, teeth cleaning, annual exams and routine dental work. For more information, please visit www.potawatomi.org/services/health-clinics or call 405-878-4835.



Sheila Jones and Chris Corbin DDS speak with a dental patient in the new operatory.

Every day should be Breast Cancer Awareness Day

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For the past 25 years, October has been National Breast Cancer awareness month. Every October, Suzan G. Komen® walks across the country to celebrate survivors, honor those who lost their battles, raise funds for breast cancer research and promote awareness. These awareness raising tools are still needed though, as many do not know that a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every three minutes. Breast cancer is also the most common type of cancer diagnosed among Native American women, meaning we should pay attention year-round for those women in our lives that we care about.

What is breast cancer?

Our body is made up of cells that grow, divide and die on a daily basis. Occasionally these cells grow out of control and form a lump known as a tumor, which can either be benign or malignant. Benign tumors are not cancerous, whereas malignant tumors are.

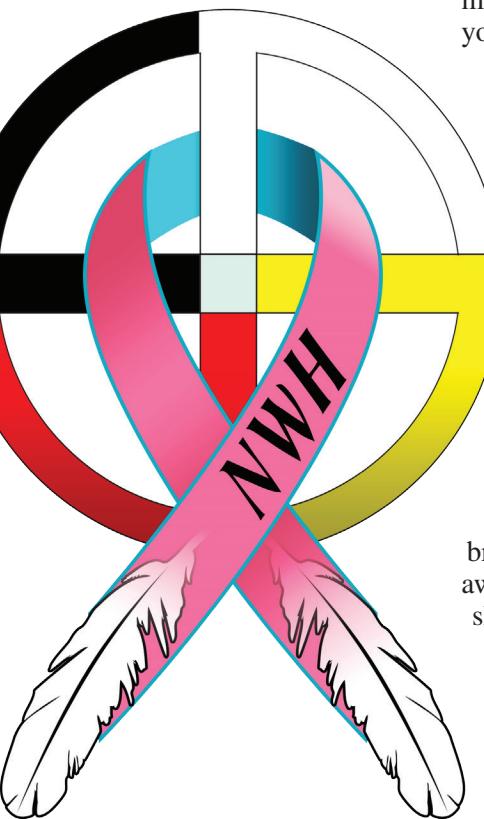
These malignant tumors invade nearby tissues and body parts like the breast and cause breast cancer. The cells of the breast can grow out of control for a while before a woman even has any symptoms.

How can these abnormal cells be detected?

The most effective way to screen for breast cancer is by having a regular screening mammogram. Routine mammography screening may begin as early as ages 40-49. Upon discussion with your physician, you may continue screening every one to two years depending on the presence or absence of risk factors.

Am I at risk for breast cancer?

You are at risk for breast cancer if you have breasts. As you age, the possibility to develop breast cancer at some point of your life increases. If you have a first degree female relative who has had breast cancer the risk is doubled as well. Talk to your family about your family history



of breast cancer and most importantly, talk to your physician about your personal risk of breast cancer.

What can I do to decrease my risk for breast cancer?

To reduce these risks women should exercise regularly and

maintain a healthy body weight. If you're a mother, breastfeed your child if you are able.

Decreasing alcohol intake is another way to prevent your risk.

If possible avoid any radiation exposure to the chest or face before the age of 30.

What are the signs and symptoms of breast cancer?

These can be a lump, hard knot or thickening inside the breast or underarm area. Be aware of changes in size and shape, swelling, warmth, redness or even darkening of the breast.

Dimpling, puckering of the skin may also occur, while itchy or scaly skin and rashes on the nipple should also be watched for. Women should also watch for pain in one spot that does not go away, as well as pulling in of parts of the breast or sudden nipple discharges.

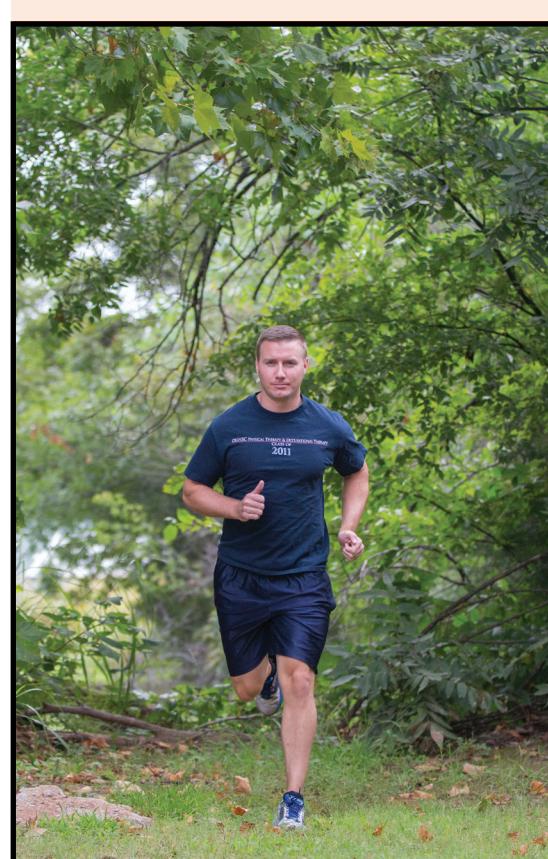
What is the impact on Native women?

Given its frequency, diagnosed at once every three minutes, breast

cancer is an everyday issue that needs an everyday approach. For Native women this is especially true. According to the American Cancer Society only about 69 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native women over 40 obtained a mammogram in the past two years. This could be a lifesaving procedure, as breast cancer is not always fatal when detected early. The 2.8 million breast cancer survivors in the U.S. are living proof of mammograms efficacy.

We must all play our part in breast cancer prevention and screening. Find out if you need to get a mammogram, talk to your healthcare provider about it as soon as possible and follow through. Many people depend on the women in their lives, and we owe it to them, as well as ourselves, to stay healthy.

For more information about the project, email Cara-thomas@ouhsc.edu or call 405-437-9816. For further information on breast cancer, visit www.komenpugetsound.org/understanding-breast-cancer/about-breast-cancer/breast-cancer-fact-facts.html or www5.komen.org/BreastCancer/Regional/EthnicIssuesinScreening.html.



Running outside in the crisp October air beats the muggy summer heat.

Fall into fitness

The fall and winter seasons are upon us. Between colder weather and holiday meals, many will struggle to keep the pounds off. There are a few things you can do to keep from gaining that dreaded winter weight.

"So many people have kids that are involved in fall sports that the kids come first and they put themselves last on the list of priorities," said CPN Wellness Center fitness trainer, Sarah Lawerance. "When the air is cool and crisp, people would rather stay inside and stay

warm instead of exercising. Another reason it is difficult for people to work out in the fall is due to their asthma or allergies."

However, Lawerance suggest that there are ways to turn chores and fall activities into calorie-burning activities.

Some ways to burn calories during the fall and winter seasons include:

- Raking leaves
- Going on a walk as a family
- Bike ride as a family
- Family fall scavenger hunt
- Going on a hike and watching the leaves change
- Planting fall flowers
- Neighborhood relays and games
- Working on odd jobs around the house, that it was too hot to do in the summer (cleaning out the attic, painting the trim)
- Cleaning out the gutters
- Trimming the hedges/bushes
- Family and friend game of football, soccer, croquet, horseshoes, or basketball

Whether you choose one of those activities or do one of your own, make sure to adjust workouts and activities to avoid injury or illness. Lawerance suggests staying hydrated and dressing in layers.

"There are ways to prevent injury or illness while working out in cooler temps. Staying hydrated, having a longer warm-up and cool down, dressing in thin layers and, stretching at the end of your workout will help," added Lawerance. "Also, make sure to check on the time change so that you are not exercising in the dark."

Some believe this is the wrong time of year to be active or start

exercising, but with cooler weather and extra holiday meals, this might be the perfect time.

"Anytime is a good time to start an exercise program," added Lawerance. "Staying active and healthy through the fall will help you have more stamina during the holiday cooking and shopping."

Being active in these upcoming months will help keep extra pounds off, improve mood, reduce stress and boost energy. All of which are benefits to your overall health. No matter what workout or activities you choose, remember to be safe, have fun and stay active.

CPN's Dennis Dyer leads OK Native American Technology Council



Dennis Dyer.

As the state's tribes become service providers in large stretches of rural Oklahoma, tribal governments are making greater efforts to consult with one another to better understand issues impacting them, regardless of

location. One area where consultation and collaboration is increasingly paramount is information technology, as Oklahoma's tribes diversify their interests past gaming into sectors

like broadband internet.

CPN's Director of IT, Dennis Dyer, has long been a proponent of such collaborative thinking, making it a small surprise when he was elected as the first president and chairman of the new Oklahoma Native American Technology Council.

The group's founding stemmed from initial frustrations amongst tribal IT professionals in learning more from state and federal regulators about establishing broadband internet services in Indian country.

"We felt like as individual tribes, we were not getting all of the information we needed to make decisions," explained Dyer. "Thus we started meeting monthly and extending invitations by word of mouth. Numbers grew so we decided to

formally organize as a technology council and work together to speak as one voice to state and federal entities."

The ONATC officially formed as a 501c6 organization in mid-2014, drafting bylaws and holding its first elections shortly after. Dyer, who has been with CPN for two and a half years following two decades in the private sector, was elected for a one year term.

"We try to focus on issues and opportunities that effect tribal growth and prosperity like technology, health, economic development and any other item that is related to building a stronger tribal infrastructure," Dyer.

Members of the ONATC typically have a direct line to their respective tribal governments' leaders, making the group's meetings an incubator for innovative ideas that can be shared throughout the state. Alongside these individuals, ONATC's advisory council of vendors, educators, healthcare professionals and officials from state and federal agencies provide

input on issues connected to technology and tribal economic growth.

For now Dyer continues to head the group's monthly meetings and encourages the brightest minds from the state's tribes to attend a gathering. Typically the issues facing one tribe in Oklahoma will face them all at some point. The need for collaboration isn't limited to only tribal officials, as the ONATC is always on the lookout for people on the advisory council too.

"It is not a forum for sales pitches," he said. "It's a forum for those looking for ways to help tribes solve problems, look for opportunities and ultimately prosper."

Though under construction, www.ONATC.com will soon be online. Until then, any information regarding the Oklahoma Native American Technology Council are encouraged to contact Dennis Dyer at dennis.dyer@potawatomi.org.

Three new CPN Police officers earn CLEET certifications

Ada, Okla. is known for several things. It is home to East Central University and is the birthplace of country singer Blake Shelton. Just northeast of this small Oklahoma town is one more thing that makes Ada unique. It is the home of Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, better known as CLEET. This center for the training of law enforcement professionals recently had three new Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Police officers graduate from the program.

"Being CLEET certified is the highest professional certification for a police officer," said CPN Police Chief Dr. Jim Collard. "We are excited to have three new officers graduate from the program and look forward to their service."

CLEET certification requires individuals to participate in a 14 week, 576 hour residential course. The certification covers law enforcement driving education, firearms training, traffic exercises, criminal investigation training, defensive tactics, domestic violence and sexual assault training and industry standard computer logging.



John Earls, Timothy Nichols and Jonathan Sumner.

CPN's new officers Timothy Nichols, Jonathan Sumner and John Earls join a police force responsible for protecting and patrolling a 900 square mile area that is the Citizen Potawatomi Nation jurisdiction.

"This is an opportunity for me to start another career and I'm grateful for the chance," said Earls. "I look forward to serving CPN and the people in and around the Nation."

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Police Department was founded more than two decades ago to protect tribal assets and employees, increase public safety and enhance the general well-being of the community.

For more information on becoming a CLEET certified officer visit www.ok.gov/cleet/PeaceOfficers.

CPNPD adds new vehicles to fleet

Serving most areas of southern Pottawatomie County, Okla. and adjacent Oklahoma County is not an easy job for the Tribal police force or the vehicles that carry them from areas as far away as Asher to Harrah. Understanding those challenges, the CPNPD is always on the lookout for new opportunities to secure top-of-the-line equipment in order to protect and serve the extensive Tribal jurisdiction.

It was this forward thinking approach that helped the police department secure its latest acquisition of 2015 Ford Explorers and SUV Police Interceptors. Major Jody Opela and Dispatcher Brian Scott worked together in finding and writing a grant that secured the vehicles.

"We were in a real need of an upgrade," said Opela. "A lot of the cars we were using had high mileage. The hatchback feature on the new cars we got will allow



for easier access in times of emergency and we're just thankful to have this opportunity to better serve the community."

The police department acquired eight new vehicles which are already in use. Each comes with all-wheel drive, allowing for greater handling and control in the various weather conditions that Oklahoma experiences throughout the year.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Police Department is responsible for protecting and patrolling the 900 square mile area that is within the Citizen Potawatomi Nation jurisdictional boundary.

Making tailgating a healthy experience



Grilling vegetables and chicken are a healthier option than fried foods.

Whether pistols are firing or the Sooner Schooner is making its rounds, football season in Oklahoma brings friends and family together to cheer on their favorite team. One common factor that goes with football, family and friends is food. This year, don't let your waist grow with your ego as the team is making a run for the championship. Consider healthier food options during this football season.

The fast, cheap and easy route for food can seem like the best option for your tailgate party but just like the old saying goes, "you are what you eat." Preparing meals a day before and taking the extra time to make healthy meals will benefit someone's body in the long run.

A great idea to incorporate water intake at the next tailgate party is to infuse flavored water that shares the same color as the team that you support. If your team is orange, try adding freshly cut oranges to your refreshment. Adding to that, fresh strawberries can turn plain water into a calorie-free red and limes will give the water that extra bit of zing to stand out in the crowd while not having to worry about extra calories or chemical additives.

"Plan out your meals a day or two before the game you're attending," said CPN Dietitian, Torie Fuller MS RD/LD. "The more preparing you do and the healthier you make the meal, the better you'll feel, not only the day of, but also in the long run. Another thing to think about is making sure you have a big breakfast or if it's later in the day having small meal before you leave. Doing

this will make you less tempted to overeat."

An easy way to avoid bread consumption is by grilling kabobs and adding more vegetables to your meal. Carrots and hummus are a better option than chips and dip. Avocados are a healthy alternative for mayonnaise. Remember, grilling vegetables and chicken are a healthier option than fried food and red meats. But remember, when cooking on the grill, anything can be turned into a carcinogen if left for too long. Gas grill temperatures can be controlled easier than charcoal grills so the likelihood of burning food is reduced. Proper cooking times for vegetables and meats can be easily found online.

"Sometimes it is impossible to find any of the healthy choices around," explained CPN Wellness Center Healthy Heart Trainer Riley Elmore. "If this is the case, the best thing you can do is watch your portions. If you have to eat something unhealthy, always remember to eat in moderation."

CPN House of Hope hosting fourth annual Family Fun Day

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the United States. In a society that is becoming more aware of the issue, this month of awareness was created to give women and children hope and refuge. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation House of Hope is the Tribe's way of contributing to the safety of women, children and families in the local community. Every year, the staff at House of Hope organizes a Family Fun Day to help combat an issue that has plagued America for quite some time.

This year, the Family Fun Day will be Oct. 18, and is free and open to the public. From 11 a.m.

to 4 p.m., families are encouraged to join the staff of the House of Hope and domestic violence agencies for family-friendly games and opportunities to learn more about services available to them.

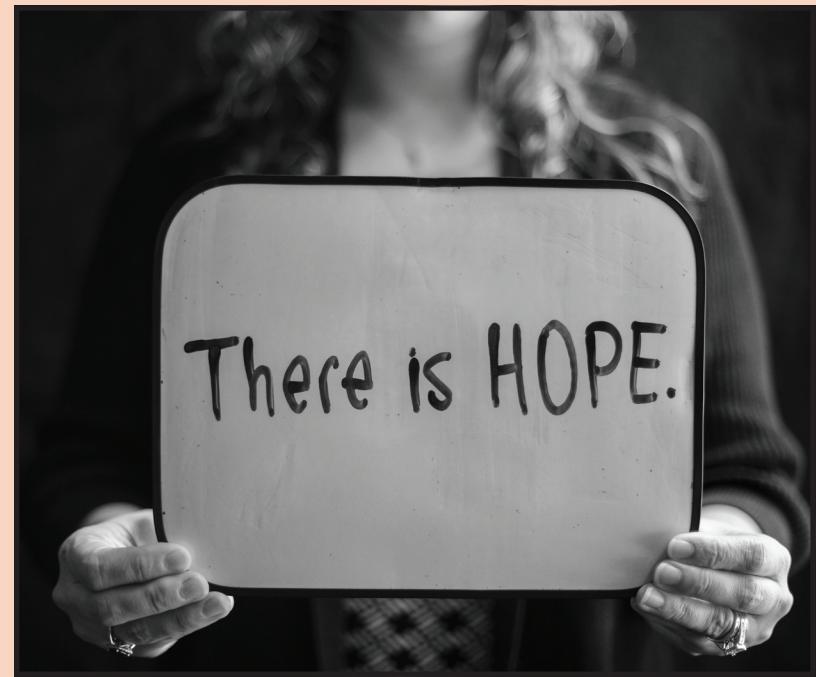
The event will be located at the FireLake Reunion Halls on the tribal grounds of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Shawnee, Okla. Throughout the years Family Fun Day has had 500 people or more. There will be grab bags for attendees as well as prizes. Parents and children can enjoy a multitude of games and take home plenty of information.

"We can all take responsibility to

help bring change, and keep our friends, family and colleagues safe from domestic violence," said Tiffany Barrett, Coordinator for the House of Hope.

The primary goal of the domestic violence program is to stop the cycle of violence and abuse. The House of Hope offers clients emergency shelter, counseling services, legal assistance, emergency transportation and financial assistance. In addition to these services, the House of Hope staff educates family members through parenting classes.

For more information, please call 405-275-3176.



Language with Justin



The CPN Language Dept. is looking for individuals with experience in video and design work.

By Justin Neely, Director of the CPN Language Department

Bozho Nij Bodewadmi (Hello fellow Potawatomi),

We would like to tell you about a couple of exciting job opportunities in the CPN Language Department and also would like to inform you about upcoming language classes.

The language department recently received a grant to create an e-learning self-paced language course. Once completed, this will allow tribal members the ability to access the classes online whenever one has the time.

If someone wants to study Potawatomi at 10p.m. after being at the office, they can. The classes

will be set up with quizzes and tests which will allow students to progress in a very structured manner. This new grant allows us to hire a full-time language aide and two part-time staff who will work 20 hours a week.

One part-time position is for an audio-visual staff member who will shoot and edit videos for our self-paced course. The other part-time opening will be for an online curriculum developer. We are hoping to find someone with experience setting up online classes using programs such as Storyline, Google Course Builder or Moodle.

The full-time language aide will assist in teaching and using the Potawatomi language in our in-person classes as well as our online content. We are willing and able to train someone, so if you have always had a strong desire to learn your language and culture, please do not hesitate to submit an application.

Our language is in a perilous situation right now, with less than 10 first-language speakers of Potawatomi left. This is your chance to leave a mark, and make sure that our language and way of life as Potawatomi go on to future generations. We have a Seven Fires prophecy which speaks of a time when a new people will emerge to pick up the things that have been lost along the way. Many believe we are in this seventh generation and one elder went as far as to say that if the language dies the world ends.

Certainly, the language is the central pillar of our culture along with our blood, songs, stories, ceremonies and traditions.

If you know of others who has skills in these areas or a strong desire to learn the language and culture of our people please don't hesitate to tell them to apply at www.firelakejobs.com. The positions are listed under 'Career

Opportunities' and 'Tribal Heritage Museum' tabs on the left side of the screen.

Currently, some opportunities to learn Potawatomi are online language classes from 1:30 – 2:30p.m. CST on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To join this class, go to www.instantpresenter.com/Potawatomi4 a few minutes before the class begins.

We also have a beginner class that began on September 8 from 5-6 p.m. CST in the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. There is no cost for either class, just a desire to learn. If you have any other questions or suggestions please don't hesitate to contact your language department.

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New Number One! Tribal member sets record black bear bow hunt

By Jeff Roberson,
CPN Tribal Member

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In April, Brian Erbin, Josh Felty and I booked a black bear hunt in August, with Marc Cloutier of Raleigh Lake Resort and Outpost. A trip to northern Ontario was in the works.

I spent countless hours shooting my bow at different times and positions to be ready for the hunt.

Several trips were made to my local archery proshop, Arrowhead Archery, to have my bow tuned and tweaked for the hunt; I wanted it to be perfect when the time came. Jeff Steele made my bow perform to its full potential. Arrows were selected and matched to the correct broadhead.

Aug. 13, was a warm summer morning as Brian, Josh and I packed up our gear and headed to Raleigh Lake Resort. We drove thru the day and well into the next morning. After arriving in International Falls, Minn. we slept for a few hours before crossing over into Canada.

Five hours later we stepped out to fresh air, beautiful scenery and Marc Cloutier. The scenery was more than I expected. The tall pines and clear water was a site better than the crooked oaks and murky waters of Oklahoma. We unpacked,

completed our paperwork and headed into Ignace to purchase licenses and tags. Once back at camp we settled in and met with the other guide, Dave Sobczak.

On Aug. 15, opening day, I was up early, ready to get in the bush and into a stand. But we were not scheduled to go out until the evening. Our pre-hunt time was well-spent as a friendly shooting match between friends, to make sure our bows were still on after a 24 hour drive. As the afternoon passed, clouds began to roll in.

Before going out, I talked with Dave and Marc about sizing bear and shot placement. The excitement was really setting in and I was ready to get to it. Being a south paw shooter, I was going to have to make an adjustment to the stand that I was to be shooting from. I did not know that adjustment meant that we were going to set up another stand. At two o'clock we headed out. A short twenty-minute drive brought us to the spot that I was to hunt. As my heart began beating a little faster, I exited the truck, shouldered my pack and grabbed my bow. Dave led the way with a bucket in one hand and a ladder stand in the other. Two hundred yards later we were at the spot. Dave made quick work of hanging the stand and wishing me luck.

What happened next was more than I expected. At 2:45 I climbed into my stand. Taking a Carbon Express Maximum Hunter 250 tipped with a XT-4, I nocked it to my Alpine bow. I scanned left to right and

back again slowly taking in my surroundings and logging the shadows and clearings in my head for quick reference later. I had my first sighting of him at 3:05. He slowly passed me from right to left at thirty yards and disappeared into the dense bush. My heart was pounding as I lost sight of him. I exhaled softly, now noticing I had been holding my breath. I scanned all around me trying to catch site of the bear, but I saw nothing.

I glanced at my watch and it was 3:12. As I pulled my glove up over the face I saw him creeping in, his head moving from side to side as he sniffed the air; fourteen yards and he was broadside to me. I slowly reached for my bow and worked my shaking hand into the strap and grasped the riser. Quietly I removed it from the hook and attached my release to the loop. I glanced up; he was at fifteen yards and headed away from me. He stopped at seventeen yards and I brought my bow to full draw as he faced away from me. He was at seventeen and a half yards and at the bait, but still facing straight away from me.

It felt like eternity was settling in. Forty-five seconds had passed since coming to full draw. I felt my arms burning and my heart rate was really picking up at this point.

I whispered quietly: "Quarter away from me."

As if he heard me, he turned to the left. Peep, pin, black blob, no shoulder. I looked off the bow and at the bear. Again peep, pin, black shoulder. I touched the trigger and



Jeff Roberson and his record-setting catch.

my release and sent my arrow down range. THWACK rang in my ears as I saw the broadhead emerge from his right side. He let out a sound of pain and defeat as he stood on his hind feet. He took three steps and toppled over.

My body was shaking and my breathing was short and shallow as I nocked a second arrow for a follow-up shot if needed. At 3:15 my bear was down. I waited to hear the three moans escape him. I sat quietly until 3:45, confirming he was dead. I then laid my hands on a beast of a bear! At that time I had no idea how big he was or what was in store for this Oklahoma boy.

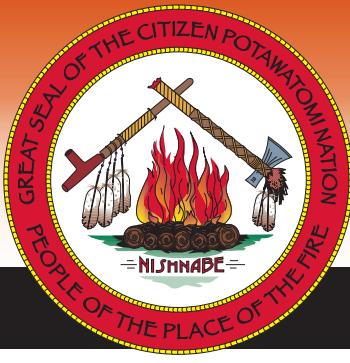
It started to rain shortly after I shot my bear. I stayed in that stand until 7:30, when Dave came to get me because of the lightning around our area. I remember climbing out of that stand and Dave asking if I had seen anything. I said I had, he then asked if I had got a shot at him. I smirked and said he is right over there.

"Really?" he said.

"Yeah, he is right over there."

He shook my hand and congratulated me. That meant a lot to me. We walked over to where the bear laid and Dave said "That's a nice bear, about 200-225 pounds." We went and picked up another hunter and came back for my bear. Two long hours later he was in the truck.

After three attempts, we finally got him weighed at 355 pounds. Dave and I were amazed. It would be six months before we would know how great this bear truly was. It was an amazing trip for me and my friends. Thanks to Marc at Raleigh Lake for making us feel at home and to Dave for being a great guide and mounting my bear for me at Spirit of the Wild Taxidermy. And thanks to Jeff Steele at Arrowhead Archery for his knowledge and help with my bow. And the thousand cups of coffee it took to make it back home.



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NAGPRA restoring proper resting place to sacred items



Burial Lodge at Hummingbird Spirit Land where ancestors were reinterred after four days of ceremony.

By Dr. Kelli Mosteller, Director, CPN Cultural Heritage Center

The Cultural Resources Department staff at Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center is responsible for the care and preservation of all objects and documents in our possession. As director of the CHC, I often have the added responsibility of serving as the Tribe's representative in consultations with federal agencies to protect culturally significant and sacred items and spaces that lie outside of our walls. One of the most important ways I protect our ancestors, and items of cultural significance for the Potawatomi, is through my work as the officer for the Tribe's Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

NAGPRA is a federal law enacted in 1990 requiring all federal agencies, as well as public and private museums and universities that have received federal funding, to return culturally significant items to tribes. These items include human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects that should have been passed from one generation to the next within the Tribe. As the Tribe's NAGPRA officer, it is my job to consult with institutions that are in possession of human remains and other funerary objects to decipher whether or not those remains might be those of our Potawatomi ancestors.

Unfortunately, this is a very big job. A large number of universities and museums have come into possession of Native American remains over the years. Many of

these came as a result of inadvertent discovery on archeological digs, or even through the work of grave robbers. Virtually every significant museum and university in the Great Lakes region is on the list of institutions in possession or control of these items. I, and everyone else who works on NAGPRA on behalf of a tribe, take seriously the task of seeing that those ancestors and their belongings are returned to the appropriate tribe. It is vital that they can be treated with the honor and respect they deserve and can be cared for through proper ceremony.

In May 2014, I was honored to participate in a reinternment ceremony hosted by the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi at the Pine Creek Reservation in Fulton, Mich. Over four days we held ceremony for all of our ancestors, had a feast for those who likely did not receive their proper burial rights at the time of their death, and on the last day they held the reinternment. More than 320 ancestors and 836 funerary objects from the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, the Field Museum, and the St. Joseph County Sheriff's Department were reburied on that day. The Nottawaseppi call the field where our ancestors now rest Nanoshkazi Jibeyki, which translates as Hummingbird Spirit Land.

The experience was filled with a number of profound and moving moments for me. I found myself overwhelmed with feelings of sorrow that these ancestors were ever disturbed, joyous at getting to spend time with so many Bodewadmi friends, family members and elders, and humbled that I was asked to participate in such an important event. Perhaps the most poignant moment came on the day before the reburial, when the elder leading the ceremony noted that, "we don't really know what to do here. We don't have a ceremony for this. We, as Neshnabek, would never disturb someone's resting place. So, we are doing the best we can, we are trying to be respectful, and we humbly apologize if we aren't doing something in the way we should."

I have thought about the significance of that statement many times over the past few months.

When I emailed the staff of the Nottawaseppi Cultural and Historic Preservation Office to thank them for letting me participate in all of the activities that took place over the weekend, they responded, "We believe that, as fellow Bodewadmi, you have as much right to attend this event as our own tribal membership. We are very excited to finally

be able to accept the responsibility of reclaiming our ancestors and respectfully reburying them."

Our work as Tribal NAGPRA officers is only beginning. At this year's Gathering, hosted by the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi in Allegan County, Mich., several of us work on NAGPRA issues for our respective tribes or other institutions met for a roundtable discussion about what we, as a group, need to start working on next. In the coming years we hope to make strides toward seeing that every Potawatomi ancestor and funerary object comes back to us, so that we can take care of them and honor them in the way they deserve.



Dr. Kelli Mosteller.

CPN Language Department secures grant



language. CPN will use the grant, worth more than \$560,000, to create an online, self-paced language curriculum.

"With the Potawatomi language being at risk of becoming extinct in the next few generations, it's absolutely one of the most important things we can do as a cultural heritage center and as a cultural resources department to put the time, money and resources into rebuilding our language," said CPN Director of the Cultural Heritage Center, Dr. Kelli Mosteller.

The grant will be completed in phases during the next three years.

Three employees will be hired for the language department in order to create the curriculum and implement the program.

"Grant funding is vital for the CPN Language Department because it helps with the high startup cost and takes the burden off of the Tribe," said CPN Grant Coordinator for Cultural Resources, Jeremy Arnette. "Once the program proves to be successful, the Tribe will support us into the years after the grant funding has ended."

The course consists of both auditory and visual components which can be reviewed over and over, allowing individuals to be more comfortable learning the

language. Certain milestones and baseline knowledge will be tested by quizzes, and participants can only advance in the program by demonstrating an adequate comprehension of vocabulary and grammar rules that will serve as the foundation for the next level of instruction. Language department staff will offer individual help and encouragement as needed.

"When I first started teaching the language, there weren't a lot of resources available. Most of the stuff we did, we had to create ourselves. There was very little that was available on the internet. Today, we teach online classes and have an online dictionary with over 5,000 words that

includes audio files," said CPN Language Director, Justin Neely. "The Federal funding we received is exciting news. It's going to allow us to create some online, self-paced language classes which will make the language more accessible to folks who live anywhere in the country."

The first phase of this program is curriculum development and will be complete in one year. The online language curriculum will be available to Tribal members during the second year.

For more information please contact the CPN Language department at 405-878-5830 or visit their website at www.potawatomi.org/lang.

New school year kicks off another session at The PLACE

By Darin Greene, Tribal Youth Director

With a new academic year beginning, so another session of the PLACE after school program and FireLodge Youth Council begins too. There have been some changes around the place, but our mission remains the same: to provide a safe, stable and educational environment for our youth. As of writing we have 48 youth returning and enrollment will be opening soon.

On Sept. 29, we kicked off a new contest for all our youth, both male and female, on National Women's and Girl's Health Fitness Day. The

contest, called the PLACE 100 Mile Program, encourages fitness by challenging each youth to walk 100 miles over the next few months. All the walking will be done at the PLACE gym, and participants have until Dec. 1 to complete it. Those youth who do complete it will receive a t-shirt that reads "I survived the PLACE 100 mile challenge!"

On Oct. 1, we are also encouraging all our youth and staff to wear blue in solidarity for National Bully Prevention Month. Bullying can take a lot of forms in today's world, it does not just stop in the school yard like it used to. That's

why we are doing as much as possible to make our youth aware of how to identify it, address it and deal with it in a positive manner when it arises.

Oct. 20 is also Red Ribbon Week, the nationally recognized effort to educate our youth about drug prevention.

Getting prepared for November is going to be great, as we look forward to celebrating Native American Youth Month. We have a host of activities planned for our youth, many of whom are members of federally recognized tribes.

Our special programs aside,

PLACE is still one of the only after-school programs in the area that provides a structured learning and activity environment for middle-school aged youth in the Shawnee-Tecumseh area. Whether they need a place to be active in the afternoon or need some help with one of our tutoring specialists, PLACE and its staff are there to serve our most important asset, our young people.

For those who are interested, our FireLodge Youth Council convened its first meeting of the new session on Sept. 15. The youth council consists of responsible and committed Native

American youth ages 12-17 years old, or a senior in high school. The tribal youth council is affiliated with the national organization, UNITY (United Nations Indian Tribal Youth), and works each year towards a summer trip out of state. Members meet at least once a month to participate in business meetings or to take part in various activities, including fundraising & community service. Part of the youth council's responsibility is to advise the Tribal Youth Advisory Board of current interests, ideas. If you'd like to learn more about our services or programs, contact me at dgreen@potawatomi.org or call us at 405-214-5110.

The right to defend — Andrea L. Worden, PLL

By: Jessica Tucker, Commercial Loan Documentation Specialist for CPCDC

There are very few people that have careers they view as a calling, yet Choctaw and Cherokee tribal member Andrea Worden views hers as such.

During Worden's time as an undergraduate at the University of Central Oklahoma, she took a required course for her Political Science degree. Her professor showed a film about child sex trafficking in Thailand, which Worden cites as the moment she knew her calling was as a lawyer.

"This video touched me in a really powerful way. Because of it, I knew going to law school wasn't an option, but a calling," said Worden.

Worden is passionate about what she does and looks to serve her clients during some of their most stressful times in hopes she can ease their pain and burdens. She believes in the services she provides, and wants to offer them to as many people as she can.

"I love helping people and I find my work very fulfilling and interesting," stated Worden.

Though she currently is a defense attorney in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area, Worden got her

start in the Cleveland County District Attorney's Office, working her way from a file clerk to a licensed legal intern during her time in law school at the University of Oklahoma. Upon graduating from law school, she opened her law firm and has focused mainly on criminal cases since 2006.

Though Worden mostly handles criminal cases, she does occasionally take civil, mental health, juvenile, and DHS cases. She also recently began accepting cases in the area of adoption. The hourly rates are set at \$150, but a flat fee applies, depending on the circumstances of each criminal case.

Currently Worden has two full-time employees and one subcontractor, but she hopes to hire another attorney by Fall 2014 to help expand her firm's adoption practice.

Though Worden has successfully funded her practice since starting out, she wanted more marketing funds in order to create a webpage for information relating to DUI cases, which make up the majority of her cases. Coming up with this extra capital proved challenging however.

"My business is a service business so my assets are minimal," Worden said. "I would've been

unable to get a commercial loan without the help of Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation."

"CPCDC has given me an incredible and generous opportunity to achieve my business goals more quickly than I would've ever been able to do on my own. Reaching these goals would've taken years without the help of CPCDC. Indirectly, it has also allowed me the opportunity to work toward other long-term goals unrelated to my loan use as I have been able to move to a larger office location because I have reasonable monthly payments that fit within my business budget. I am extraordinarily grateful," stated Worden.

The office of Andrea L. Worden PLLC is open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. in Norman, Okla. The office in Oklahoma City is open by appointment only. Worden can be reached after hours on her emergency line. Her DUI website is duidefender.com and her firm's website is andreaworden.com. Worden's preferred method of interaction with clients is over the phone, and she can be reached at 405-360-8036 for a free and confidential consultation.

The Citizen Potawatomi Community Development



Andrea L. Worden.

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build your business like Andrea Worden or would like to inquire about a business loan please call 405-878-4697 or visit our website at cpcdc.org.

First National Bank & Trust Co. unveils new mobile app



FNB Mobile App.

In today's world, life happens on the go. First National Bank & Trust Co. understands how busy life can become. That is why they are committed to making banking a little easier with the New FNBOkla Mobile Banking App for smartphones.

"We are very excited about all of the possibilities the new FNBOkla Mobile

Banking App offers our customers," said Larry Briggs, president and CEO of First National Bank & Trust Co. "Most people don't leave home without their phones, and now with our mobile app, they can take FNB with them wherever they go."

FNBOkla offers customers the ability to deposit checks by taking a picture with their phone, check account balances, transfer money between accounts, pay bills online, find ATM locations with directions and use Popmoney, which allows individuals to send

or receive money securely with an email or mobile number.

"We think our customers are really going to like using FNBOkla," added Briggs. "We are especially pleased to offer a unique option, mobile picture deposit, a service that enables customers to deposit money anywhere just by taking a picture of the check with their smart phone."

The new FNBOkla Mobile Banking App and online banking from FNB is provided at no charge, while mobile picture deposit costs a

minimal fee of \$0.50 per deposit (other terms and conditions may apply). The mobile banking app may be downloaded by going to the devices app store and searching FNBOkla. To open a new account, or to learn more about the products and services offered by First National Bank & Trust Co., visit one of our seven branches or go to www.fnbokla.com.

Grand receives hospitality award

CPN is located in an area of Oklahoma referred to as Frontier Country. It encompasses all of central Oklahoma from Stillwater to Norman and Seminole to Yukon. Oklahoma City is the largest city in Frontier Country and the state. Competition in such a heavily populated area makes it that much harder for business to stand out from the rest. For travelers anywhere, a nice place to stay is usually top priority and most businesses claim the motto, "customers first" to attract guests. The Tribal enterprise, Grand Casino Hotel and Resort, received an Honorable Mention award from Central Oklahoma Frontier Country Marketing for Outstanding Hospitality.

"Our Annual Awards Luncheon is about recognizing our membership and their contributions to tourism in central Oklahoma," said Sherri Rogers, Executive Director of Frontier Country Marketing Association. "This is our way of saying 'thank you' to all of our members who continue to do a wonderful job promoting the many communities, attractions, events and festivals throughout

Frontier Country."

"As our property, specifically as the hotel and new restaurants continue to progress, it's important to realize the positive impact we are making in our local community, and the business landscape," said Dan Kuziej Director of Hotel Sales and Events. "The level of hospitality we are delivering at the Grand sets us apart. We strive to deliver on the promise we make to our guests and associates every day that they experience grand service on every level."

As the Grand Casino nears its eighth year of business and its first anniversary of the opening of the Grand Hotel, the award is a positive barometer of the enterprise's direction.

"Here at the Grand, we strive for excellent customer service," said Joe Garcia, General Manager for the Grand. "Our employees understand that a simple smile or



The Grand Casino, Hotel and Resort received an honorable mention in its first year as a hotel.

hello goes a long way in our industry. Keeping our guests happy and comfortable help us to be successful."

Grand Casino Hotel and Resort consists of a new 262 room hotel

tower. Amenities include a spa, meeting and convention space and the hotel now offers an outdoor rooftop pool and lounge. At the start of 2014, the hotel opened the Grand Event Center. The venue

has now hosted acts such as Heart, The Wanted, and the Elvis Presley Expo. Other events at the new Event Center include community workshops, a tattoo convention and artist classes.

CPN Director in election for Opportunity Finance Network board



Shane Jett.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Director Shane Jett was recently nominated as a candidate for the prestigious and influential board of directors at the Opportunity Finance Network, the leading trade association and advocate for community development financial institution nationwide. Jett is the

Director of the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation, one of the nation's largest Tribally-owned CDFIs specializing in small business lending. CDFIs like the CPCDC are represented at the federal level by the OFN, which has elections later this year amongst its members for two opening seats on its board of directors.

"Whether it's helping rebuild parishes in New Orleans that were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, assisting minority-owned businesses in Florida, or providing financing on a Native American reservation 60 miles from the nearest bank, OFN is the organization that gives CDFIs a unified voice in Washington D.C.," said Jett.

CDFIs, funded in part by grants and low-interest loans from the U.S. Treasury, must closely monitor Congressional actions and policies impacting their institutions. OFN gives these far-

flung institutions a powerful voice as they represent their interests in the nation's capital.

"It is led by an incredibly dedicated group of people with impressive academic and professional backgrounds," said Jett. "They have dedicated their work to serving the under-banked segments of the U.S. population, and that is a mission I work on every day at the CPCDC. Our focus is on Native American owned businesses and Tribal economic development finance."

Compared to their private financial institution counterparts, CDFIs have more flexibility than traditional banks, but can often partner with local banks to provide creative financing solutions to those banks' Native clients. As CDFIs provide affordable lending to underserved communities, they not only focused on preserving capital, but also focus on creating opportunities to serve the unbanked or underbanked

segments of the community.

"Our focus is twofold," explained Jett, "to create sustainability with sound financial practices and prosperity through economic opportunity."

Each OFN member institution has two votes for the two open board seats in the Oct. 2014 election in Denver, Colo. Seven individuals from around the country are set to compete for the openings during the organization's three-day national conference, opponents that in Jett's words "are an incredibly qualified slate of candidates."

Those qualifications aside, the former Oklahoma legislator felt that the openings represented an opportunity for Native American-run institutions to have a seat at the table in guiding the OFN's direction going forward.

"Right now, there's no Native American representation on the

board," said Jett. "Any organization that shapes policy that impacts the CPCDC, I want someone at that table. That is why I am running. Not only do I want to give a voice to our Native communities across the US, but I wholeheartedly embrace OFN's mission of aligning capital with social, economic, and political justice."

Established in 2003, the CPCDC provides financial products and business training services to CPN members and employees as well as Native American-owned businesses statewide. To date, the CPCDC has made over 315 commercial loans worth in excess of \$32 million and 2,423 short-term consumer loans worth more than \$3 million. A friend to small Native-owned businesses in Oklahoma and beyond, CPCDC's goal is to support each client at all stages of development. For more information visit www.cpcdc.org or call (405) 878-4697.

CPCDC assistance let Sooner Stoneworks shape its stone fabrication business

By Jessica Tucker,
Commercial Loan Documentation
Specialist for CPCDC

Countertops, window sills, showers, fireplaces, and other stone pieces are the specialties of Sooner Stoneworks LLC, a Native American-owned business in Shawnee, Okla. Owners Scott Patten and Steve Taylor chiseled their company from the former Sooner Marble, Granite and Tile. Today, after some initial financing from the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation (CPCDC), the two head one of local community's staple businesses.

Opening in 2002 in partnership with a trim and cabinet company, demand for the company's stone countertops and other pieces increased so rapidly that the firm switched its focus solely to stonework. Working with all-natural and man-made stones and quartz, Sooner Stoneworks has five natural stone fabricators in their shop, located at Acme Road and Highway 177. Today it is the largest granite and marble fabricator in the Shawnee area.

According to Taylor, the CPCDC has been a tremendous part of their success. "Through different loans and a line of credit they have always been helpful in growing our business," said Taylor. "Whether for material or machinery, they have always worked diligently to get us what

we need. We truly appreciate the support of the entire staff."

Lifelong residents of Tecumseh, Okla., Steve and Tracy Taylor have three daughters and one son. Steve previously owned his own business, Taylor Construction. Scott and Brandi Patten have been married for five years and have a one-year-old son, Jase. They currently live in Shawnee but are building a house in Tecumseh. Scott is a retired professional baseball player, but had previously worked with another granite fabricator before starting Sooner Stoneworks.

Secretary Mary Whiteman has been with Sooner Stoneworks from the start, and is the backbone of the company. Always on call, if the staff or a customer needs anything, no matter how big or small, Whiteman does all she can to get them what they need.

"We all need to eat," said Whiteman. "Sooner Stoneworks has provided generously for our families and for the families of those associated with us. But since we all have to work, why not do something you enjoy?"

On each job, Sooner Stoneworks does its best to explain clearly the entire process of purchasing, fabricating, and installing counter tops. Pricing has been structured to be easily understood and they deal honestly when it comes to measuring and estimating what each job will take. That

forthrightness has won them many jobs. Potential customers will shop with other contractors and typically find that when they come to Sooner Stoneworks, the prices aren't padded.

"It's exciting to see each project come together and see people constantly amazed at the beautiful things God has hidden inside a mountain," said Whiteman.

Sooner Stoneworks has seen prosperous and lean times, having largely navigated the worst of the past years' economic downturn. While acknowledging their daunting prospects in those uncertain days following the 2008 recession, Whiteman quoted Luke 6:38, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

That faith has paid off. Today Sooner Stoneworks works with most major builders in Pottawatomie County and surrounding areas. They serve large commercial firms, smaller individually run construction companies and according to Whiteman, have a "very healthy flow of walk-in traffic" from customers looking to remodel their home or who work independently from builders on



Owners of Sooner Stoneworks LLC, Steve, Mary and Scott.

their own projects.

The firm and its employees are supporters of a number of local schools, helping with fundraising campaigns, sports advertisements for students and yearbooks and for individual youth sports teams.

Sooner Stoneworks also supports a local Pottawatomie County Sheriff's office publication warning students about the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse. The company donates to organizations and programs supporting veterans, addiction recovery, local churches, youth groups and other ministry outreach. In its ongoing mission to spread the Gospel, Sooner Stoneworks has also helped build churches in Mexico and Panama. The company's inspiration for this work is a form of giving back in thanks of their own success.

"We believe that because of a

principle of giving, we reaped a blessing in not losing any of our fabricators at our shop. We've kept a consistent flow of business in spite of the economic conditions," stated Whiteman.

If you are interested in remodeling your home and want stonework done, give Sooner Stoneworks a call at 405-214-7400 or stop by and visit with Mary. Their hours of operation are Mon.-Thur, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fri. from 9:30 a.m. to noon. They also make appointments to accommodate their customers' schedules. Give them a call today!

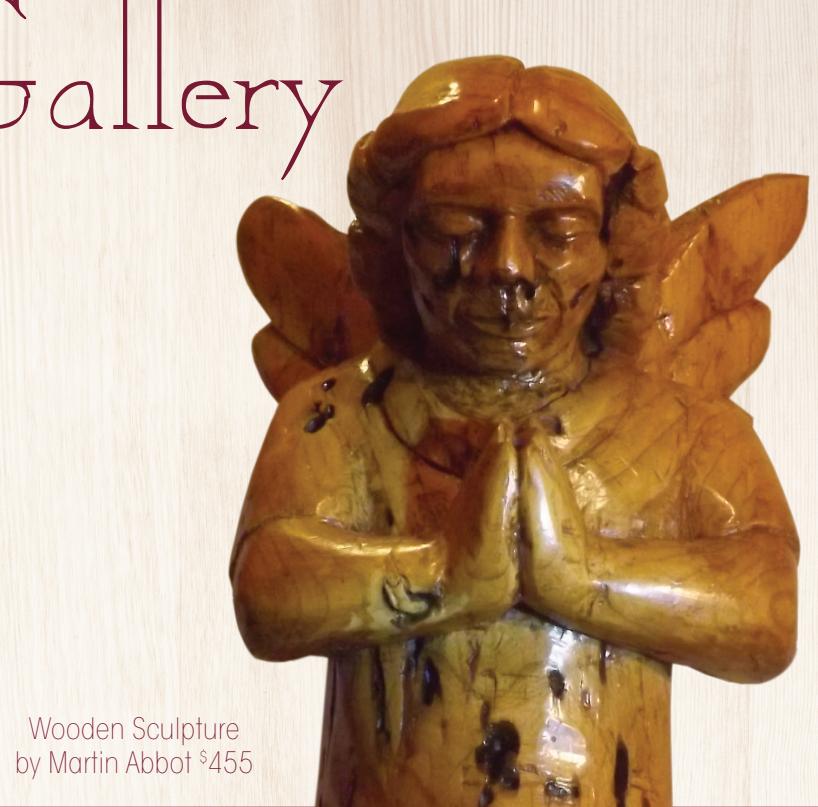
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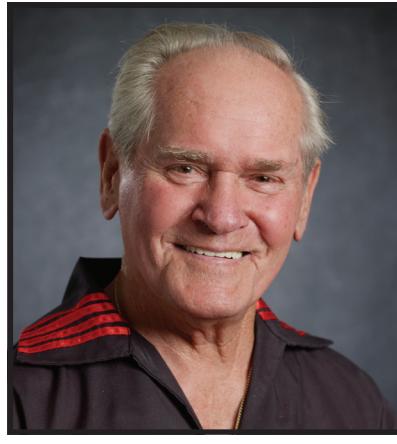
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District 1 – Roy Slavin



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I recently had invitations mailed out for a District 1 area meeting. A few days later I received an e-mail from a young lady asking what these meetings were about. I can best describe my district meetings as informational.

The meetings usually start with a short PowerPoint presentation covering services available to our members such as scholarships, first-time home owner assistance (down payments, closing costs), Health Aid foundation and many other services. The Health Aid Program also lists the CPN enterprises in the Shawnee, Okla.

area. With more than 2,000 employees, the CPN operates a number of Tribal enterprises including banks, casinos, grocery stores, travel plazas, a bowling center and more. We also have a short, locally produced video "The Journey" about the removal period and the long forced march from Indiana to Kansas endured by our ancestors.

Lunch is served and, of course, there are prizes for our youngest member, the wisest member (eldest) and the member who traveled the farthest to attend the meeting. For those of you who have computers (and who does not) this information about services and enterprises and much more is available on the CPN web site (www.potawatomi.org).

www.potawatomi.org). Just go to the web site and at top of the page click on services and select the information you want from the drop-down menu.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the 2014 Gathering of Nations hosted this year by the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-wish band Potawatomi at the Jikak Campus. The Jikak Campus is 176 acres of hardwood forest, wetlands, open fields and a beautiful lake just south of Hopkins, Mich. The Gun Lake Tribe went to a great deal of work and expense preparing this beautiful site for the gathering. Next year's Gathering will be hosted by the Forest County Potawatomi.

I will close this article as always with a plea for your contact information. Due to privacy issues the Nation cannot give that information to me. If you have not received e-mail or regular mail from me it is because I do not have your information send it to me at RSlavin@potawatomi.org or call toll free at 888-741-5767.

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District 2 – Eva Marie Carney



Bozho!

I recently had a marvelous end-of-August hike up Old Rag Mountain, in Shenandoah National Park outside Etlan, Va. That hike was a great mind-clearing exercise, given the rigor of the climb up and the steep descent. The mountain is one of the oldest in the world, and it's right in my back yard. Sometimes the best medicine for too much "life" is to get out in nature, put one foot in front of the other, stop overthinking and take in the beauty. Mamagosnan (our Creator) has laid it all before us for the taking – I was fortunate to be able to take the day to enjoy it. Here are a few photos that capture some of the mountain's magic.

The legislature is currently reviewing the proposed CPN 2015 budget so I

currently am spending time reviewing what's been proposed and doing diligence. I bought the materials today to put together "hand game kits" for the folks attending the meeting in Houston next Sat., September 13, which I am attending at the invitation of Bob Whistler, the District 3 Representative. Since Houston is close to the border for a part of District 2, I'm hoping to meet up with some District 2 citizens at the meeting and look forward to instructing and playing the hand game during the meeting. (Basic instructions for the game are printed at <http://www.potawatomi.org/news/top-stories/889-traditional-potawatomi-hand-game>, along with an "equipment" photo.)

I am also working on the details for our Fall Feast, set for Sat. November 22, starting at 11 a.m. in the District 2 office in Washington D.C. My hope is that Don Tenoso, Gaye's kind husband, will be able to teach us moccasin making. Don, a Lakota Sioux, studied at the Institute for Native American Arts and is a renowned Sioux doll maker and puppeteer. (There is a wonderful photo of Don and some of his dolls at http://siarchives.si.edu/collections/siris_sic_7066 (I can't reprint the photo in this column as it is owned/protected by the Smithsonian).) Don has been a "fixture" at our Fall Feasts with Gaye and always a great support



as he knows how to make everything! It would be an honor to have him join us again, as a friend and a teacher, after Gaye's recent passing. If Don's schedule changes and he can't make it, we will nonetheless have materials for a traditional craft or two, including materials for children. To keep up to date on the plans please check our private District 2 Facebook page, my Facebook events page, my website calendar and/or your email.

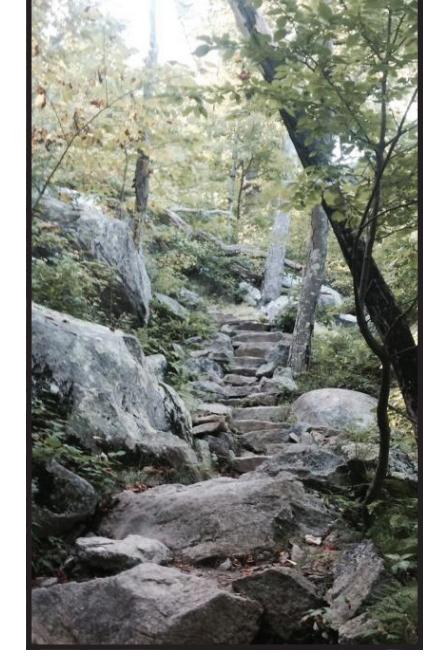
Here are more dates to keep in mind:

- Fri., November 28, 2014: Native American Heritage Day.
- Fri., February 13, 2015: Visit to the Smithsonian NMAI Archives in Suitland, Md. Space is limited, please reserve yours today by phoning or emailing me.
- Fri., June 26, 2015 – Sun., June 28, 2015: Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Family Reunion Festival (2015 honored families: Acton, Bergeron, Curley, Delonais, Greemore, Levier, Negahnquet, Pambogo).

- Sat., June 27, 2015: General Council (All-Citizens Meeting); CPN Election Day (note that absentee ballots must be in Oklahoma before this date).
- Fri., August 10, 2015 – Sun., August 12, 2015: Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations, Forest County, Wisc. (Language and tribal leadership conferences earlier in the week).

Let's keep in touch. If I don't have your email, please send it to me! If you aren't an email person, feel free to write a note or call me. I will get back with you.



Old Rag Mountain, Shenandoah National Park, Etlan, VA.

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District 3 – Bob Whistler



malware and virus penetration to our systems that can shut everything down.

While we can get software to offer protection, there are some things that slip through. I just went through that issue and had to take my laptop in for a complete reinstall. I am bringing this up as a reminder of what most of us try to be cautious about, since we run into this threat almost daily. If you find that you can't do a system restore, you may need to do what I did and take your computer in to a technician for a reprogramming.

Having mentioned something I believe you are on guard for, let me tell you about a ruse that can take place at hotels. This is one of the best scams I've heard about.

You arrive at your hotel and check in at the front desk. Typically when checking in, you give the front desk your credit card (for any charges to your room.)

You go to your room and settle in. All is well. The hotel receives a call and the caller asks for (as an example) room 620 – which happens to be your room.

The phone rings in your room. You answer and the person on the other end says the following: "This is the front desk. When checking you in, we came across a problem with your credit card information. Please read me your credit card numbers and verify the last three digits at the reverse side of your card."

Not thinking anything is wrong, since the call seems to come from the front

desk, you oblige. But actually, it is someone calling from outside the hotel. They have asked for a random room number, then ask you for your credit card and address information. They sound so professional that you think you are talking to the front desk.

If you ever encounter this scenario, tell the caller that you will be down to the front desk to clear up any problems. Then go to the front desk or call directly and ask if there was a issue. If there was none, inform the manager of the hotel that someone tried to scam you of your credit card information, acting like a front desk employee.

This information was sent by someone who has been duped... and is still cleaning up the mess. Anyone traveling should be aware of this scam and make

sure you don't become a victim.

I hope this little bit of information helps someone. In closing, please give me a call or send me an email I can be of help in any way. I am honored to be your representative and am here to serve you.

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District 4 – Jon Boursaw



I've attached photos from our last D4 meeting.

Veterans Day open house: I will hold an Open House for CPN Veterans, including veterans who are spouses of CPN members, and their families on Tues., November 11, 2014 from 9-11 a.m. in the District office at 2007 SW Gage in Topeka. RSVPs are not required but I would appreciate a call or e-mail so I have an idea of how many to expect.

Medical equipment and supplies: Our Senior Support Network staff in Rossville has been blessed with a donation of a large amount of medical equipment and supplies. This donation came from the Community Action Program in Topeka, who needed to downsize their inventory. The staff received walkers, wheelchairs, canes, toilet risers (with and without arms), shower chairs and several other pieces of durable medical equipment. They also have an extensive inventory of incontinence supplies of various types and sizes. These items are available to all Tribal members in our district, regardless of age. If you or a member of your family have a need for such equipment or supplies contact Tracy or Pam at 785-584-6171.

Recent activities: The past several weeks have been very busy for me. In addition to hosting two District meetings in September, my schedule has included:

- September 20: I attended the Trail of Courage Festival in Fulton County, Ind. with several other

members of the Nation. I was invited to the Courage Festival to represent the Bourassa family which was recognized as the 2014 Honored Family. This annual event is held very near to Twin Lakes, Ind., which was the site of origin of the Potawatomi Trail of Death in 1838.

- September 26: I gave a CPN history presentation at a symposium hosted by the Kanza Chapter of the Oregon/California Trails Association in Marysville, Kan. The symposium also included presentations by the



Jon Boursaw, Sandy Sheble (wisest) and Vice-Chairman Linda Capps.

Kanza, Otoe and Pawnee Nations.

- October 4: I again gave my presentation at an event in Ottawa, Kan. hosted by the Franklin County Historical Society called "Native Neighbors from Freedom's Frontier's Past." A large portion of Franklin County was in the boundaries of the Sugar Creek Reservation, the final destination of the Potawatomi Trail of Death.

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Brayden Witte (youngest) and his mother Stephanie.



Raquel Butler (travelled furthest) and Vice-Chairman Capps.

District 5 – Gene Lambert



In order to understand where we are going, we must first understand where we have been. I think it was George Santayana who said it or something like it according to Norlin Library at the University of Colorado.

Another was "One who knows only his own generations, remains always a child."

I grew up in what is considered by many as the farming capitol of the world, the San Joaquin Valley of

California. I chose Arizona as my home many years ago and frequently visit family during the holidays, which are just around the corner.

While visiting my 86 year old mother, Evelyn and my stepfather Virgil, I saw the drying of redwood trees in their yard that they planted as saplings and the disappearance of flowers in the flower beds. It saddened me. It has always been a visually explosive experience just to feast your eyes on her gardens.

Now, they are not allowed to water their plants or wash their cars around the Clear Lake Oaks area due to a shortage of water. I remember that happening before in the 1990s in San Diego, Calif. Surrounded by water and yet there is a shortage.

We have overused and abused mother earth. Water is now becoming the new oil in the fields. This is not a choice. Water is mandatory for the survival of us all regardless of nationality.

I couldn't help but wonder how our

people survived in winter or summer as they gathered food they had been growing or taken from the wilds to survive. It isn't difficult to understand the gratitude they must have held for the life sustaining foods and water supplied by our Creator.

How did they do it?

They buried, dried, and salted what they could to take them through the difficult times.

Jerky was big as it was easy to keep and light to carry, quick drying in the sun. Corn was a huge commodity and remains so today. The growing season is short and it could be dried for future use in a short period of time. An article I read recently said that corn was at least 5,600 years old as it was found in a bat cave in New Mexico.

We not only used it as a staple then but now it feeds millions every day.

Native Americans were said to be the ones who introduced corn to the settlers and popcorn in the 1700s to

the white man. Maple syrup is the Hawaiian sugar cane and we taught the settlers how to drain the maple from the tree trunks.

The skins of animals kept us warm and the meat nurtured the body while it soothed the hunger.

I can't recall for sure at the moment but I remember a performance put on by the Native Americans here in Arizona to teach others of our culture and traditions.

As I proudly watched I was amazed at what was chosen as the ending of the program.

The fire dancer came out in his amazing regalia and began the fire dance. Shortly thereafter a young woman danced on stage in pony tails and overalls, like the kind you would see on a farmer in the field.

She danced; he continued his dance as I watched wondering "what in the world is this?"

Suddenly I realized while their attire was opposite as day and night, their steps were the same.

Everything goes full circle.

As the article begins I have been trying to understand more about the difference in what we want and what we need. What we have taken and what we give. I believe the day will come when we will need to return to our old ways and take only that which we need.

Warmest Personal Regards,
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District 8 – Dave Carney



Greetings!

As we head into the fall, many members District 8 are dreading putting on their "winter weight." This is the inevitable 10+ pounds that come from the combination of decreased physical activity outside due to snow and rainy weather, tailgating and football parties, and holiday temptations.

As a Potawatomi, I often joke that they shouldn't even stock or offer "small" t-shirts at FireLake Gifts or FireLake Designs. Let's just start with the medium and large and go up from there (me included). Check out these statistics from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Indian Health Service:

- 2.2 times higher: Likelihood of

American Indians and Alaska Natives to have diabetes compared with non-Hispanic whites.

- 68 percent: Increase in diabetes from 1994-2004 in American Indian and Alaska Native youth aged 15-19 years.

- 95 percent: American Indians and Alaska Natives with diabetes who have Type 2, rather than Type 1, diabetes, which is preventable; a condition characterized by high blood glucose levels caused by the body's inability to use insulin efficiently. Type 2 diabetes develops most often in middle-aged and older adults who are overweight, but it is now affecting younger people in increasing numbers.

- 30 percent: Estimated percent of American Indians and Alaska Natives who have pre-diabetes.

The solution to combat this problem is twofold. Exercise and make healthier food choices. Easier said than done, right? Small changes that are done consistently, like taking the stairs instead of the elevator and drinking a glass of water with lunch rather than a soda pop, add up and can make a difference over time.

Cutting out sugar and processed foods, most of which contain high fructose corn syrup, can greatly improve blood sugar levels. We are considering how to provide healthier food options at the annual Family Festival. Please educate yourselves on prevention to reverse this trend and help the next generation

avoid these serious health problems.

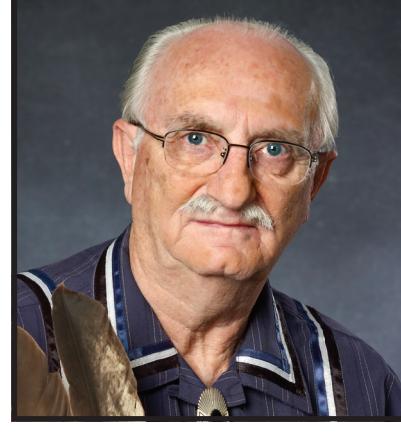
Please watch for a postcard for the annual District 8 Fall Feast. The date will be November 15 at the Native American Youth and Community Center (known as Naya). It will be an evening meeting with a healthy dinner served, presentations and Potawatomi culture. An invitation will be posted on www.dave-carney.com and RSVPs will be needed by November 8.

Best regards,
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District 9 - Paul Wesselhöft



Bozho, Nikan,

Dehumanization

It was easier for the first white Americans to kill the Indians on a mass scale and steal their land when westerners dehumanized Native Americans by referring to them as "Savages."

Now, America is in another war. I have observed on social media, like Facebook, some Americans are calling our new enemy, "Muzzies" and "Ragheads." It becomes easier to kill our enemy when we dehumanize them

by not calling them their proper names.

America's latest enemy are Muslims, but of course not all Muslims are terrorists bent on killing us like al-Qaeda, ISIS, and the Taliban. We have been in this war for thirteen years and it is possible that we could be at war with Islamic extremist for another thirteen years or more.

America has a history of dehumanizing our enemies, real or imagined. Americans chained, enslaved, exploited, whipped, hanged from trees, and raped the female daughters of black people for decades. Then for

more decades Americans segregated and denied the civil rights of African Americans. And we all know what name many Americans called black people.

In World War II our enemy was the Japanese; we called them, "Japs." We called the Germans, "Krauts." In the Vietnam War, we referred to our North Vietnamese enemy as, "Gooks."

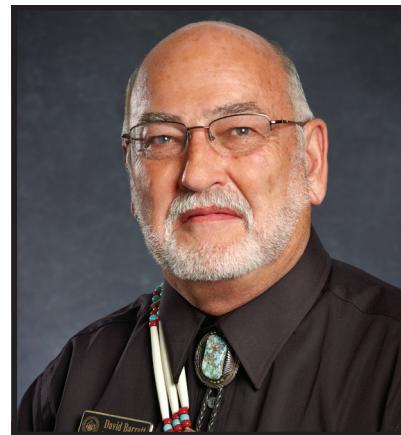
By dehumanizing the enemy, they are easier to kill. When using pejorative names for our enemies, we become desensitized and taking their lives is made easier.

We ought to refuse to dehumanize people no matter their status even as an enemy. This has nothing to do with political correctness. It has everything to do with being fully human.

Make no mistake, we are in a serious war with Islamic extremists desiring to behead us and they are, indeed, Muslim. But I will not dehumanize myself by calling them, "Muzzies." I hope you do not dehumanize yourself as well.

Migwetch,
Paul Wesselhöft / Naganit (Leader)

District 10 – David Barrett



Bozho,

We all know that our 2014 CPN Family Reunion Festival has come and gone. However, it would be remiss of me not to say thanks to the many workers who come together each year

to accomplish this fantastic three-day event. With the number of members and guests attending far exceeding 4,000, how would anybody in their right mind want to tackle such a feast?

We do and we will.

Our weather was cool this year which made this Festival a very memorable event. It was also an opportunity to meet more members and sit for a few minutes to just visit with each of you.

We have heard from many members on things we needed to look at to improve next year's Festival. We did discuss this and many other issues during our CPN legislative session held June 30, 2014.

While praising our people, there is another group of people who deserve

praise too - one of our other bands of Potawatomi, the Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of the Pottawatomi, also known as the Gun Lake Tribe. This was their first time to host the 2014 Pottawatomi Gathering held at Jijak Foundation in Hopkins, Mich. from Aug. 4-9, 2014.

The Jijak Campus consists of 176 stunning acres of mature hardwood forests, wetlands and open fields on beautiful Ingerson Lake just south of Hopkins.

At the All Council Meeting, held Thurs. morning, all nine of our Potawatomi bands came together to discuss current and ongoing business within the Tribes as well as what issues the tribes are engaging with the different governmental agencies over.

For three hours on Thurs. afternoon, tribal veterans stormed the dance arena. What a sight! I say this not just because I'm a Navy veteran, but to see all the eagle staffs, the American Flags, tribal Flags and all of our service flags enter the arena to represent all of our nations was breath taking. They also awarded Pendleton blankets to all of the WWII veterans in attendance. During this event the somber announcement that our own CPN Veteran Max Wano had walked on to his Creator was also made.

As far as classes and activities, they had numerous things to keep us busy. There are two things that stood out over all the rest; yes, food. There was this strawberry shortcake made with fry bread that was out of this world. The other was the hot, steamed corn

on the cob with the husk pulled back and dipped in butter.

I want to especially express my appreciation to our Tribe for making it possible for members to attend these Gatherings.

It goes without saying that it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great Nation.

Migwetch,
David Barrett/Mnedobe
(Sits with the Spirit)

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Bama mine: Later again

Bama pi: Later on

Bodewadmi ndaw: I am
Potawatomi

Bozho Nikanek: Hello friends

Bozho Nikan: Hello friend

Cho/Konege: No/Yes

Cho gego: Nothing

Egwien: Heartfelt thanks

Migwetch: Thank you

Megwa ne?: More?

Mno gishget: Good/nice day

Mno waben: Good morning

Ni je na?: How are you?

Ni je ezhewebek?: What's
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District 11 - Lisa Kraft



I recently learned of a state-funded grant opportunity known as the **Lindsey-Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship for Children with Disabilities Program**. Did you know that if you are an Oklahoma parent and unsatisfied with your child's public

school and their progress on your child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP), your child is eligible for a grant to pay for tuition and fees at a private school?

More information can be found at <http://ok.gov/sde/lindsey-nicole-henry-lnh-scholarship-program-children-disabilities>. The scholarship application is due December 1 each year. You need to have other documents in hand before you can make application. You must also enroll your child in a private school and transfer the child out of public and into private upon notification of the grant. This grant program continues each year that your child is enrolled at the private school, but you have to renew your application each year.

I suspect that many of our children are still struggling with Oklahoma's Common Core Curriculum standards; they were just repealed by the

Oklahoma Legislature a few months ago in June. New stricter or equivalent curriculum standards are not in place in our school system yet and approved by the college Regents.

Oklahoma has applied for a waiver to drop the national Common Core standards; but just last week, the U. S. Department of Education denied it. With the waiver withdrawn, Federal funding for Oklahoma education is now shaky. In Oklahoma, public schools and accredited private schools continue to use Common Core standards for math, English language arts, and literacy. The bottom line is that many of our member children are not making the grade in Oklahoma. They will be unprepared for college and without the education to obtain high paying jobs.

CPN Legislative update: Your Legislature is preparing to approve the

2015 Operating Budget next week (Sept. 16). I had hoped that my bill to provide Tutoring Scholarships for our children in grades K-12 would have passed out of committee for full vote of the legislature, but that has not been the case. I was asking for a million dollar pilot program for our children throughout the U. S. I read my proposed bill into the record a few months ago, but no formal report or written request for amendments have come forth from the Education Committee. Therefore, my measure has not been put on the agenda for discussion, vote, or subsequent funding.

On a positive note, we continue to fund higher education up to \$1,500 a year. Our tribal scholarship program paid out over \$5 million dollars last year for college and vocational scholarships. I believe that if we could provide tutoring

scholarships before our kids graduate high school, they would be more successful college students.

Please enjoy the fall-like weather we are experiencing intermittently here in Oklahoma. It is a welcome relief to my family since our boys both play football. We are also growing 3,000 heads of lettuce to transplant into our greenhouse this weekend. We are a local Farm-to-School partner. This time of year is one of my favorites because I get more time to ride horses, work on my cookbook, and be outdoors with my three hunters. I hope your fall unfolds beautifully.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.

Lisa Kraft (Zibikwe)

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District 13 – Bobbi Bowden



I feel one of my top priorities as one of your legislative representatives is to raise awareness of some of the benefits provided to our Tribal members. Some of us do not take advantage of these benefits we are so fortunate to have because we simply do not know they are available.

With that said, please allow me to use my contribution to this edition to once again address something that is very near to my heart.

As I watch, my father grows "wiser" in years while living with Type 2 Diabetes.

(Yes Dad this one is for you!) I would like to once again remind and inform Tribal members of the services provided by our Tribe to our members to take care of their health.

One of the most startling statistics I came across According to The Office of Minority Health is: *American Indian adults are over twice as likely as white adults to be diagnosed with diabetes.*

To help combat this statistic for our tribal members, we offer The Diabetes Initiative Program to all patients 18 years of age or older. The Diabetes

Initiative Program provides nurses, dietitians and a physical activity specialist who will work with individual Tribal members to help combat diabetes. Services also include patient education as well as eye exams, foot care and cooking demonstrations.

The program is located at the FireLake Wellness Center at 2346 Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801. For more information please call 405-395-9304. Also feel free to email me and I will do all I can to get information for you or any family members.

We are extremely blessed to have leaders that care about the health and the future of our Tribal members. The resources are there, it is up to us to use them.

Thank you for the honor of serving you. It is a responsibility I cherish.

Migwetch,
Bobbi Bowden / Peshknokwe

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City Commission, continued...

In the discussion preceding the vote, Commissioner Hall again stated his belief that current circumstances dictated such a drastic change to the city's charter, thereby sending any detachment request to the voters and not the elected commission.

"This is what this country is about," said Hall. "I don't want to make this decision for our people. It will affect our children's children. If someone wants to annex Shawnee Mall, it should go to the people. Four people shouldn't be able to be bought or bullied, this is un-American."

Commissioner Hall's rhetoric was consistent with what local tribes have heard over the past few months from city hall. Whether it was Mayor Mainord's questioning of tribes' loyalty to the United States in March or Commissioner Hall's recent allusion, local tribes are increasingly being painted as disloyal to the city and country for following federal law.

In the ensuing vote, Dykstra, Shaw and Agee voted to repeal the city charter changes, while Hall, Harrod and Mainord voted to keep them. Newly seated commissioner Gary Vogel abstained from the vote without explanation, meaning that the two questions will go on the Nov. 4 ballot to Shawnee voters.

The city's latest meeting was far more contentious. Ahead of the Sept. 15 commission meeting, Shaw introduced a measure aimed at defunding the New Mexico law firm advising the City of Shawnee in its proposed litigation. In response, Commissioner Hall added an agenda item questioning whether there was a conflict of interest between certain members of the commission and local tribes. Shaw, a Choctaw, and Dykstra, a Potawatomi, are the only two city commissioners who are members of federally recognized tribes.

In a bizarre twist, City Attorney Mary Anne Karnes, who is responsible for legally wording the commissioners' agenda items, apologized as the meeting began for misconstruing Hall's original agenda item, which he clarified was directed specifically at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, not all local tribes.

Chairman Rocky Barrett, a citizen of Shawnee, then addressed the city commission and asked why it was less offensive to direct the item at CPN specifically.

Commissioner Hall responded that he did not wish to offend the Sac and Fox, Kickapoo and Absentee Shawnee tribes, telling Chairman Barrett that his issue was solely with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation leadership.

Shaw's agenda item was tabled until the commission's next meeting on Oct. 6, while Hall's was struck off by Mayor Mainord. Hall contended however, that he may add it to future meetings should the need arise.

Given their actions and words in recent months, it is increasingly clear that Commissioner Hall and his allies do not believe that fairly elected commissioners with tribal heritage should be allowed to decide on one of the most important issues facing the City of Shawnee today. It should be noted that there has been no speculation about Commissioner Agee's conflict of interest, despite her opposition to the lawsuit. Agee is not a tribal member.

Dykstra and Shaw both campaigned on their opposition to the lawsuit against tribes; positions that were well-known when Dykstra defeated a pro-lawsuit incumbent in the June election and Shaw ran unopposed.

After losing the support of their allies, Commissioners Hall, Vice-Mayor Harrod and Mayor Mainord have sought a new avenue to thwart the will of the voters, this time by insinuating that Dykstra and Shaw are somehow compromised by their Native American heritage.

Perhaps though, Shaw and

Dykstra, like Agee, have studied the issue of tribal sovereignty and understand just where attacks on the principle will lead. So far, the only party to prosper from the anti-tribe bloc's stance has been the New Mexico law firm hired by the commission who has made \$100,000 on retainer so far.

These actions have largely succeeded in a vacuum, as the half-empty city commission chambers can attest. This is why it is vitally important that tribal

members and city voters attend these bi-monthly meetings to voice their opinions. Shawnee citizens should reach out to their elected representatives to let them know about the continued efforts at disparaging commissioners based on their heritage. Now is the time to be heard.

Contact information for the members of the Shawnee (Okla.) City Commission can be found at shawneek.org/gov/commission.



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Chairman – John Barrett



Bozho Nikan,

This is an exciting time for us here at the Nation! We continue to grow and modernize. There will soon be a whole new look to the FireLake Discount Foods building. Inside the store, we have brand new freezers to show and sell our frozen foods. These reach-in glass cases are state-of-the-art and should help people see our newly expanded lines of frozen foods. In the areas vacated by the old convenience store and tobacco shop, we are opening restaurants. The renovated faces of the main building will have their own design and appearance to differentiate them from the grocery store.

Opening this week, the new Fry Bread Taco restaurant is our version of an idea we saw in Lakewood, Colo. That very successful restaurant, run by two Oklahoma Indians, offers fresh hot fry bread with a toppings line like a Subway restaurant. The fry bread we now make is from special Russian hard red wheat grown in Colorado that gives the fry bread a great taste and texture. The dough is kneaded and stretched into 9" rounds and quick fried in fresh oil. We offer beef, bison or veggies on top with pinto or black beans, plus a variety of cheeses, vegetables and sauces. For dessert, we have hot fry bread with fruit toppings and whipped cream: "Fry Bread Newberg!" The new restaurant is on the northeast corner of the grocery building next to our radio station KGFF – 1450.

Also opening next month is our new pizza restaurant, offering a fresh oven-baked pizza with the toppings selection in a self-choice line. With a new secret pizza crust recipe and more than 50 possible combinations

of sauce, cheese and toppings, you can "get it how you want it" right before your eyes. We then pop it into a special, continuous-bake Lincoln Impinger pizza oven. When it comes out the other end of the oven in just a few minutes, you have a gourmet treat of your own design – perfect pizza!

Still in the planning stages is the enclosure of the vacated drive-through tobacco store area on the southeast corner of the building. This will make new restaurant seating for the existing barbecue, bakery and deli operations to combine. This will be open to both inside and outside diners.

The new food venues are designed to provide a choice of food to the growing crowds at our community businesses. These include FireLake Ball Fields, FireLake Arena, FireLake Bowling Center, The Arcade at FireLake, FireLake Casino, BDC Gun and Archery Range, FireLake RV Resort, FireLake Discount Foods, FireLake Golf Course, the Citizen Potawatomi Cultural Heritage Center and Raymond Peltier RV Park.

The road in front of our tribal headquarters, Gordon Cooper Drive, will soon be four lanes all the way from Shawnee to Tecumseh and intersect with State Highway 9 and State Highway 177, both major arteries to southern and eastern Oklahoma from Interstate 40. The Nation is piece-by-piece building a tourism destination in central Oklahoma that will provide new job opportunities and revenue for our Tribe and neighboring communities. We build on a "pay as you go" basis, so we are not creating debt. On the drawing boards for the future are a new hotel at FireLake, a new casino, more ball fields, a sporting goods store and a baseball academy facility.

At the Grand Casino, the new Flame Brazilian Steakhouse is near opening, and construction on the new Japanese sushi restaurant is making progress. The new smoke-free gaming area is gaining in popularity with the addition of table games within weeks. For all of you country music fans, the new Grand Event Center will feature Willie Nelson and Kris Kristofferson in October, as well as Loretta Lynn in November.

And now to some not so happy news. While we are making great progress at the Nation, our neighboring town, Shawnee, continues to try to inhibit our growth with the foolish notion that they can rob our earnings as taxes. In February, they sent us a threatening letter stating they will sue us, even though the taxation issue was addressed in 1991 by the United States Supreme Court. In that decision, the Court said Oklahoma could not force the CPN to collect taxes for them, or come on the land to collect.

At this month's meeting of the Shawnee City Commission, City Attorney Mary Ann Karnes staged a poorly acted piece of theater to start the meeting. She went to the podium and issued an elaborate "public apology" to Commissioner Keith Hall for entering an agenda item for him alleging a "possible conflict of interest" between commission members and Tribal Nations..."

Karnes went on to say that Commissioner Hall meant to say only the CPN, (meaning us) was involved in the conflict. This blatant attempt to divide the original targets of Shawnee's threatened lawsuit, the Absentee Shawnee, the Sac and Fox, and the Kickapoo Nation away from the CPN, was stated by Karnes because we are the largest generators of tribal sales taxes in the area. The ruse was transparent to everyone in the room except a reporter from a local newspaper who reported the issue as "language confusion."

I spoke during the public comment period and pointed out that the change Commissioner Keith Hall was making in his agenda item was no less objectionable than before. Just because it now targeted only the Citizen Potawatomi Nation did not make it right.

Hall then smugly said that Shawnee doesn't find the Citizen Potawatomi Nation objectionable, "just the [CPN] leadership."

If you will recall from a previous *Hownikan* article, Hall was speaker at the March meeting the City demanded with the Tribes in which he began by saying they weren't trying to tax our artwork, beadwork, moccasins or our bows and arrows.

This was the second Shawnee City Commission meeting since newly-elected members Michael Dykstra and Lesa Shaw joined with Commissioner Linda Agee to oppose the threatened illegal actions of the previous majority of the Shawnee City Commission to file a lawsuit if we do not give them money. The next meeting on October 6 will feature a vote on the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's legal petition to de-annex all tribally-owned land from the city, even though it was never legally annexed by the town originally in 1961, as noted in an article in the June 2014 *Hownikan*.

Commissioner Hall, in an attempt to pre-empt a new majority on the Shawnee City Commission after the fair election of commissioners Dykstra and Shaw, has proposed amending the City Charter to prevent a vote by the new city commission on petitions to de-annex (like the one we just filed). De-annexation is a power the city commission has had since the founding of Shawnee in 1892.

In their last publications, the two local newspapers, the *Shawnee News-Star* and *The Countywide News and Sun*, both ran editorials opposing the actions of the city and requested an end to the conflict initiated by the city.

The Shawnee Chamber of Commerce, virtually all of the city's businesses and banks, and more than 60 percent of the population surveyed by a professional polling company are opposed to Shawnee's aggressive, and by all appearances, racist behavior. Not many people can believe that the city government is harassing its largest employer by a factor of five.

There is reason to believe, however, that the cause of this insanity is deeper than the city government. There has been correspondence from the Oklahoma Tax Commission to the City of Shawnee, and possibly including the Oklahoma State Attorney General, encouraging this behavior by cities against tribes. This can only be done with the knowledge and consent of Governor Mary Fallin. The Governor may have received some misguided staff guidance that Indians have become too powerful, or that Indian Tribes are a violation of state's rights, or some other radical

ultra-conservative theory designed to keep Indian tribes as the poorest, sickest, most ill-housed and poorly educated people in the state.

I pray this is not the case. Even the governor can overcome her political biases long enough to see that job creation in rural areas is almost entirely tribal. There are many efforts to create jobs in Oklahoma City or Tulsa, but not in southern Pottawatomie County, Okla.

Governor: "A rising tide lifts all boats."

This is an absolute truism in Indian Country.

Next month I will be making an award presentation to the Honoring Nations Program sponsored by the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. This award recognizes Native American excellence in governance and innovation in tribal government all over the United States. The CPN has won this award twice in the last three years with honors for our Legislative Constitutional Amendment and the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation. Our entry this year features our PLP, or Potawatomi Leadership Program. This is a tribal educational effort that has been in operation for ten years. In it, we bring in college freshmen or sophomores with the highest grade averages and student activities accomplishments from around the United States to live at the Nation for six weeks in the summer. They are rotated through every tribal department and enterprise as well as working at the annual Family Reunion Festival. This is a first step in the Nation's effort to insure that the future leadership of our tribe will include its best and brightest. We currently employ graduates of the PLP and have benefited from the growing networking of these bright young people as their careers progress. Please wish us luck.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as Tribal Chairman.

Migwetch,
John Rocky Barrett/Keweoge
(He leads them home)

Vice-Chairman – Linda Capps



Our Nation can be proud of our Indian Child Welfare Department directed by Janet Draper. Many of you know Janet from dealings in the past, or you have seen her as the CPN directors are introduced at General Council Meeting during Festival. Janet began her tenure with CPN on April 6, 1998. Her program has 30 staff members with three separate divisions: Indian Child Welfare, Family Violence Program and FireLodge Tribal Youth Program for ages 12 to 17.

Indian Child Welfare monitors tribal court cases, state court cases, adoptions and subsidized adoptions. In addition, home-based services, foster care, prevention services, counseling, parenting skills, respite care and crisis interventions are also provided. In recent years there have

been many inquiries about how to become a foster or adoptive family.

Foster parents can help children and their families cope with the challenges that life brings. Foster care gives children a safe and stable temporary home when their parents are unable to take care of them. The goal of the program is to return the child home safely. If that is not possible, a permanent home will be found.

As an adoptive parent, you will be giving a child another chance in life with a permanent, loving home. Adoption is designed to give children a stable home, one that makes children feel good about themselves by gaining the family life they deserve. You may contact 800-880-9880 or 405-878-4831 to learn more about the initial process.

The CPN Family Violence Program assists all people regardless of race, gender, age, sexuality or economic status who are in a domestic violence situation and reside in Oklahoma within Pottawatomie, Oklahoma or Cleveland counties. The program provides a variety of services including victim advocacy, court advocacy, counseling, education assistance, parenting classes, legal assistance and transportation. You can contact the office Mon.-Fri., 8a.m.- 5p.m. at 405-275-3176. After hours, you can reach an advocate 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the CPN Police Department at 405-878-4818.

FireLodge Tribal Youth Program was established to enhance our Native American youth's ability to successfully connect with, embrace, and contribute to their community and their traditional Native American

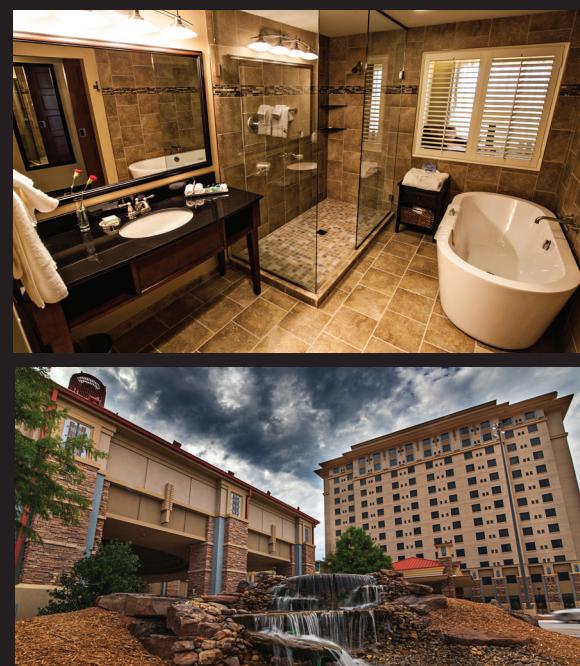
culture. Prevention services on alcohol and drugs, plus training on life skills and school success are provided. The voluntary program offers a tribal youth council, in-school prevention sessions, an after-school youth club, summer camp and cultural awareness activities. Potawatomi Learning and Cultural Exchange or P.L.A.C.E. is the afterschool youth club program that runs Mon.-Fri. at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Gymnasium during the regular school calendar year. Please contact 405-214-5110 for more information.

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Diana Patterson Bell

Diana Patterson Bell, 69, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., passed away June 18, 2014. She was born in Memphis, Tenn. in 1945, and preceded in death by husband Thomas Wellington Bell, sister Lynda Williams, and parents John and Louise Patterson. She is survived by children Thomas Wellington Bell Jr., and daughters Denise Reisinger and Ginny Togrye, son-in-law Walter Reisinger and Anthony Togrye, nieces Kathy Anne Meacham and Tracy Garron, nephews Russell Williams and Rob Williams, and brother-in-law Ted Williams, grandchildren Nicole Bell, Kavon Togrye and Cameron Togrye and great-grandchildren Justin Richerson, Shallan Philpott and Madison Philpott.

Diana graduated from Central High School in Memphis in 1963, UT School of Nursing in 1967, and received her MSN from Indiana University in 1976. She was a psychiatric nurse with the Veteran's Administration and retired in 2000. She moved to Silver City, N.M. in 2001 and to Murfreesboro, Tenn. in 2005.

She was a member of St. Rose of Lima Church. She was active as treasurer, then president and finally parliamentarian of the Newcomers Club of Murfreesboro. She was also involved in the Garden Club, Cooking Club and Bunko within this organization.

Diana was a member of the Children of the American Revolution, Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars, Inc., Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society of Colonial Dames XVII Century and the UT Alumni club. She was also treasurer for the Southern Women's Investment Group and a tutor with the Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc.

As a tribal member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Diana's name was Bmashi kno (soaring eagle).

Mass of Intentions at Saint Rose and Memorial Service with interment at St. Francis Newman Church in Silver City, N.M. at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 1601 N. Tennessee Blvd, Murfreesboro, TN 37130 or Read to Succeed, P.O. Box 12161, Murfreesboro, TN 37130.



Lynda Patterson Williams

Lynda Patterson Williams, Age 72 of Alcoa, Tenn., passed away Tuesday April 22, 2014.

We lost our lovely and compassionate Lynda and she will remain forever in our hearts. She was born in Shreveport, La. and grew up in Memphis, Tenn. and was the daughter of the late John and Louise Patterson.

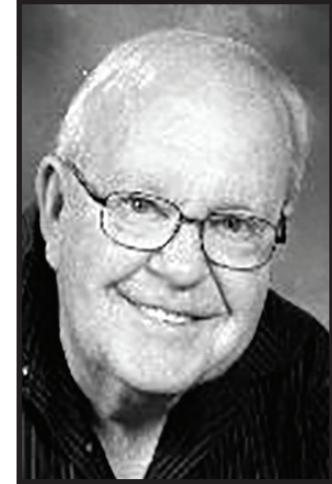
She is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Robert (Ted) Williams; sister Diana Bell; children Tracy (Paul) Garron, Rob (Lori) Williams, Katherine (Greg) Meacham and Russ (Erinn) Williams; grandchildren Zack Garron (Julie), Chris Williams (Lydia), Matt Garron, PVT Alex and PVT Zach Hamlin, Connor and Camden Williams; and many other family members and friends.

She graduated with a Bachelor's from University of Tennessee and a Master's Degree from Johnson University. She was a member of Phi Mu Sorority. She was involved in many hereditary organizations in which she served as a chapter and state officer including Daughters of the American Revolution, U.S. Daughters of 1812, Daughters of Colonial Wars, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, and Daughters of the American Colonists. As a tribal member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Lynda's name was Wahsita ("Little Prairie Flower").

Throughout her life and career, Lynda was a teacher. She taught classes ranging from art to computer technology for 33 years at Young High, South Middle, and retired from South-Doyle Middle School. She loved art, fishing, traveling, and was an enthusiastic sports fan (Go Vols!), and an avid golfer, enjoying playing with friends, especially, Nancy Ayres, Kathy Begoon, and Judy Goddard. She was a longtime member of Green Meadow Country Club and a member of the O'Charleys Angels with Salley Daley, Sue Holloway, Loretta Cate, Anne Hand, Frances Hamilton and Marilyn Houston.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to many friends and the loving and caring staff at Thompson Cancer Survival Center and Blount Memorial Hospital.

On Sunday, April 27th, a celebration of Lynda's Life was held at Smithview Pavilion, 601 Smithview Drive, Maryville beginning at 2 p.m. with fellowship and a memorial service that followed at 4 p.m. with Pastor Matthew Peebles officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in Lynda's memory be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorial and Honor Program, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Thompson Cancer Survival Center Foundation, 1915 White Ave., Knoxville, TN 37916. Smith Funeral and Cremation Service, Maryville, 865-9831000, SmithFuneralandCremation.com.



John Brown

John Brown, 74, of Topeka passed away on Monday, June 30, 2014 at St. Francis Hospital. He was born January 14, 1940, at Grantville, Kan., the son of Lawrence and Bessie (Spillman) Brown, and lived on his parent's farm north of Grantville.

He graduated from high school at Perry in 1958. He worked at Johnson's Super Oil for 13 years. He also served in the National Guard for six years. Later John took a job with Hallmark Cards. He worked there for 30 years before retiring. After retirement he kept busy plowing gardens and mowing, basically any job that took a tractor to handle. He had a life-long fascination with trains, and would go down by the tracks whenever a steam engine would roll through town. He liked antique tractors and going to thrashing events like the ones at McLouth and Meriden. He was a member of Grantville United Methodist Church. On July 9, 1961, he was married at Pleasant Hill Methodist Church to Verle Shelby.

Mrs. Brown survives at their home in Topeka; other survivors include five siblings, Bob Brown and wife Doris, Helen Brown Worthington and husband Charles, Don Brown, Kenneth Brown and wife Doris and Roy Richard Brown and wife Kathy. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Bessie Brown; and a sister, Mary Lou Brown in 1949.

Funeral services were held at Davidson

Funeral Home on Thursday, July 3, 2014. Interment followed at the Grantville Cemetery. Mr. Brown laid in state after 1pm Wednesday where the family received friends from 6:30-7:30pm Wednesday evening at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association and sent in care of Davidson Funeral Home, 1035 N. Kansas Ave, Topeka, Kansas 66608. To leave a message for the family, please visit davidsonfuneral.com.



Robert Hollway

Robert "Ol' Bob" Hollway was born on Dec. 5, 1937, in Kansas City, Missouri, to Ralph Bertand Hollway and Helen Wilcott Hollway.

The family moved to San Angelo, Tex. when Bob was 4 years old and he considered himself a true Texan from that time forward. Bob graduated from San Angelo High School in 1956, attended North Texas University, then joined the Navy. He steamed around the Horn of South America and was stationed in Hawaii and Japan. After returning to San Angelo, Bob met and married Lexie Lewis of Robert Lee. The couple celebrated their 51st anniversary this month. Bob followed his father into the furniture business, first at Hollway Furniture and then at Levitz, where he was Salesman of the Year several times. His sales career took Bob, Lexie and their four children to the Dallas area, southern Indiana and then Louisville, Ky. before the family settled back in San Angelo. Bob took his sales experience to the Arthur Fulmer Electronics Co., where multiple times he was the national salesman of the year.

In his later years, Bob was self-employed, first importing auto parts and then transitioning the company into a bumper business. Ever the salesman, Bob slowed down in recent years but never fully retired. A lifelong Catholic, Bob adored spending time with his family and in the outdoors. He was an avid fisherman who won many bass tournaments, a hunter, and loved to play golf. He excelled at all table games, often spending time with family and friends playing cards and dominos. In semi-retirement, he grew fond of Texas Hold'em. In fact he wrote a book on strategies of the game. He had a quick wit and always was the life of the party.

Bob was welcomed into heaven by his parents, and sister Barbara Hubbard. Also preceding him in death were his niece, Kim Burton; nephews Michael Hollway and Jason Causey; and parents-in-law Hugh (Bub) and Billie Lewis. Bob is survived by his wife, Lexie; and four children: daughter Tracy Saunders; son Robert (Bobby) Hollway; daughter Edie Welker, all of San Angelo; son Cameron Hollway of St. Louis, Missouri; and son of the heart, Tony Aguirre of Fort Worth. Also surviving are Tracy's children Paul Harris, Matthew Harris, Stephanie Eivens and Lexie Wheatley; Bobby's son, Garrett Hollway; Cameron's sons Hugh and Hudson Hollway; and Edie's daughter Hannah Welker. Surviving siblings are Lou Ann Croy of Portland, Ore., and Ralph Hollway (wife Janis) of San Angelo. Other survivors are great-grandchildren Cameron Doty, Ben Garcia, Liam Harris and Ashtyn Fromhold; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

A special thanks to the wonderful nurses at the hospice unit of Baptist Memorials and the compassionate care of the nurses and staff of Hospice of San Angelo. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the

American Cancer Society; Hospice of San Angelo; West Texas Boys Ranch; and the Humane Society. Service was held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart.



Geneva Myrel Morris Stempel Hunter

Geneva Myrel Morris Stempel Hunter, born Feb. 7, 1917 in Macomb, Okla., passed away quietly on Mother's Day, May 11, 2014 in Stuart, Fla. with her family present. She was 97 years old.

Her mother, Jimmie McEvers Morris, passed away due to complications of childbirth, so she and her sister Lorena were raised by her grandmother Harriet Bostick McEvers and many aunts and uncles on the Oklahoma farm.

The family left during the Dust Bowl Exodus and settled in Southern California, where she married her first husband Ted Stempel Sr. and raised three children. She worked during WWII preflighting airplanes for training pilots for the war effort.

She then worked for many years as a supervisor for Lockheed Aircraft and retired with her second husband Herman Hunter to Florida to be near her daughter Deanna and son-in-law Bill Swiech. She is survived by her three children, Ted Stempel Jr. (Charleen), Roger Stempel (Linda) and Deanna Swiech (Bill) and her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.



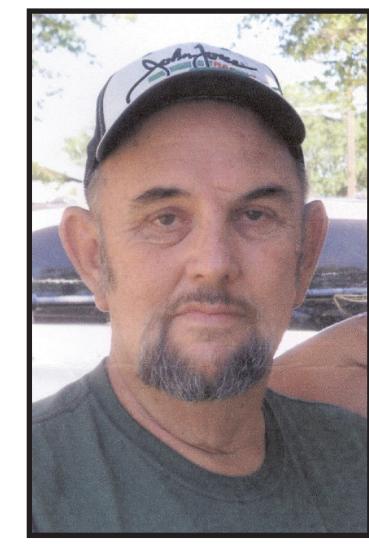
Mary Ann Kee

Mary Ann Kee, 93, of Heber Springs, Ark. passed away June 10, 2014.

She is preceded in death by her parents; William and Lillian Helcel, her husband; Cecil Kee, her son; Cecil Elwood Kee, her sister; Rosalee, and 3 brothers; Steve, Marvin, and Wesley.

She is survived by her son Paul Kee (Nadine) of Greers Ferry, Ark., 2 daughters Joyce Jones of Dardenelle, Ark. and Margaret Phillips (Mike) of Maumelle, Ark.

She also leaves behind 7 grandchildren; Linda Gail Kee, Michelle Byford (Dewayne), Ricky Kee (Elizabeth), Billy Joe Kee, Charles Russell (Tanya), Tina Hogue, Joey Hogue, 1 brother; Leroy Helcel of West Memphis, Ark., 11 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.



Richard Dale Rush

Richard Dale Rush, 56, of Arbuckle, Calif., passed away June 15, 2014. Born in Bakersfield, Calif., on August 23, 1956, Richard was raised in the Bakersfield area and moved to Arbuckle in 1988.

Richard is survived by his wife of 30 years Cathy Rush; children, Larry Lemen, Melony Lemen, Rachel and Richard Simpson, Shauna and Chris Burdick, Alesha Rush, Christina and Joseph Mencia; sister, Tammy Rush; and 11 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Joe and Wilma Rush.

Longtime resident of Arbuckle, Richard was a hardworking man who was passionate about spending time with his family. He was very much loved and will truly be missed.

A memorial luncheon was held in his honor July 12, 2014 at 1:00 pm. at Arbuckle Golf Club at 5918 Hillgate Road, Arbuckle, CA 95912.



Richard L. Wade

Richard L. Wade of Wheat Ridge, Colo., passed away June 6, 2014. Wade was born May 11, 1931 and served in the U.S. Marine Corp from 1951 to 1954.

He is survived by his wife Jacquelyn T. Wade, daughters Stephanie Demott, Jillaine Larson, Cheryl Wade-Casados and sons Jerome and Spencer Wade.

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